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Epperson, Rocksprings, attending the Texas Section, American Society of Range Management Range Camp at Junction Aug. 11-16 under Holt sponsorship.

J. A. Palmer, Pleasanton, Chairman of the newly organized Conservation Contractors Association of Texas, has announced a meeting of that group on Friday, August 22, at the Hilton Hotel, San Antonio. Registration will get underway at 3:00 P.M. with an evening meeting and dinner slated at 6:00 P.M. If you are engaged in agricultural contracting, contact Palmer for details of the meeting.

Marc Olafs, Belgian Congo, was a recent visitor at Holt con-

tacting Range Specialist Jack M.

Fletcher concerning land clearing

and range reclamation techniques in Texas. . Soil Conservation Districts are legal subdivisions of the State of Texas and governed by a five-man board who serve without pay. The Soil Conservation Service renders technical assistance to a district upon its organization and formal request by the governing body. Incentive payments under the Agricultural Conservation Program give some conservation practices added push until their application has caught on. For example, the ACP Program gave monetary assistance to the Wittenburg Ranch in Edwards County at a recent rootplowing and seeding demonstration. A team to get conservation on the land. . . . "The Three R's of Range Management," the title of a new booklet available by writing Holt, Box 658, San Antonio. This booklet slated to receive nation-wide publication. . . "The Perfect Crime" is a sound, color movie slated to give any civic club a good program. It deals with the highway program and its needs. Reserve it for your club meeting by writing The Perfect Crime, Box 658, San Antonio. An August 1 tour in the Webb SCD included a stop on the H. B. Zachry Ranch where phenomenal results have been obtained by rootplowing with a Cat D9 on gravely ridge sites. Blue panic and Buffelgrass were seeded and the grass deferred until it made the first seed crop.



In the rugged hill country of Texas, near Con Can, Conservation Contractor Russell Schneider was given a contract to rootplow and seed rangeland on the Dolph Briscoe, Jr. ranch. "A tough hill country job...so I called on Caterpillar equipment," says Schneider. For example this Cat D7 Tractor, equipped with Holt-built rootplow and seeder, has 6,600 hours on the original tracks! It's used to push cedar, clear liveoak, construct ponds and rootplow in really tough country. Steep slopes and rocky terrain are factors that take good equipment to overcome. Cat fills the bill in every respect.

Russell Schneider makes his headquarters at Camp Wood, Texas. He got into the Conservation Contracting field back in 1956 at the age of twenty-four. Today he has an equipment spread including two Cat D8 Tractors, equipped with Holt-built rootplows and seeders, and the Cat D7 in the photo above. A No. 70 Scraper for pond construction rounds out his spread. Recently he assisted the Upper Nueces-Frio and West Nueces-Los Moras Soil Conservation Districts on a rootplowing - seeding program on the James Whittenburg Ranch, four miles south of Rocksprings. Russell figures good equipment, Caterpillar and conservation go together. Why not improve your rangeland? Contact your Cat Conservation Contractor or Holt Sales Representative today!

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From the Association Office . . .

ERNEST WILLIAMS Executive Secretary

MOST OF the Association's interests and activities centered in Washington during the latter part of August as the Congress passed and sent to the President for signature a general farm bill which included a three-year extension of the Wool Act of 1954.

The wool bill was in the form passed by the House. At the very last moment, the Senate accepted the House bill which was more to the liking of the wool producing industry, even though it extended the act for only three years.

The main difference in the bill passed and the act which was due to expire March 31, 1959, is that the bill just adopted makes available for financing the equivalent of 70% of both the specific and ad valorem duties on wool and wool manufactures imported into the United States.

The Senate bill would have authorized appropriations if the specific duties were not sufficient, but in this event the total incentive payment could not exceed 85 percent of parity. The present limit is 106 percent.

Officers of the National Wool Growers Association and the representatives of the various state associations who went to Washington at President Clyde's request are to be highly commended for their unselfish and successful efforts. President T. A. Kincaid, Penrose Metcalfe, National Wool Growers Association Vice President, and your secretary made several trips to Washington during this bill's often interrupted trip through Con-

Texas members of Congress played a big part in passage of the farm bill. Every House member except one voted for suspension of the rules as requested by the wool industry in an effort to pass the House version earlier in the month. The effort failed but it will not be forgotten by Texas wool

Congressmen Fisher and Poage were centers of the wool industry's efforts. Their help was of inestimable

Texas wool producers' representatives had the feeling early from Sena'or Johnson's office that a bill would be passed. Senator Yarborough, it will be recalled, was one of the co-sponsors of the bill to extend the act.

Texas wool producers should be highly pleased with their representatives in the Senate and House.

LABELING LEGISLATION

The Wool Products Labeling Act has been left intact in the Labeling Act which finally passed both houses. This Act has protected both the producer and the consumer of wool products in that most material, including all material going into wearing apparel, must be labeled as to its wool content and whether or not the wool

The wool industry worked for many years before this legislation became law. It is gratifying that its provisions are still intact.

HUMANE SLAUGHTER

Also passed was the Humane Slaughter bill. The measure has no penal clauses but would bar Federal agencies from buying meat after June 30, 1960, from any slaughter house or livestock processing plant which fails to comply with the bill's standards. The bill sets forth a policy that before slaughter, animals are to be "rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot, or an electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid and effective."

QUARTERLY MEETING

Alpine members and directors have set up the program for the Fall meeting to be held there Saturday, September 27

Reservation requests should be addressed to the Alpine Chamber of Commerce for arrival Friday, September 26.

All meetings will be at Sul Ross State College, Saturday morning and afternoon. A barbecue lunch will be served at Kokernot Lodge at noon with the compliments of Treanor Equipment Company of Abilene, Odessa and Pecos.

President Kincaid invites all directors and members in that area to attend the meeting.

NEW SECRETARY

Mrs. Jacqueline Wilhelm is the new Association Assistant Secretary. She began her duties in the office August 1, following departure of Margaret Pankey to Dallas, where she is now employed.

Mrs. Wilhelm formerly worked at Goodfellow Air Force Base and General Telephone Company of the South-

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Reviewing Legislation of Interest to Ranchmen

By CONGRESSMAN O. C. FISHER

CONSIDERABLE legislation of interest to sheep and goat raisers received attention during the recent session of the Congress. The National Wool Act was extended for three years, the Mexican labor program was extended, an attempt to include clean and scoured wool in the Motor Carriers Act was defeated, the bill which would admit finer type wool for carpet making was approved, and a fouryear extension of the Reciprocal Trade Act was voted.

After a long battle, due chiefly to its being mixed in with other farm legislation, the extension of the wool program was cleared in the closing days of the session. It was quite a victory for the American wool growers, and reflected a lot of patient and determined work on the part of Don Clyde, President of the National Wool Growers; Ed Marsh, National's Secretary: T. A. Kincaid and others over the country. We got a lot of help from Frank Imasche and Howard Doggett, in the Department of Agriculture. In addition, we were aided by friends of growers in the Congress, including in particular Congressman Bob Poage of Waco, a prominent and influential member of the House Agriculture Committee which handled the wool bill, and also from our two Senators.

Fisher Amendment

Except for making the extension period three years (through the 1961 clip) instead of the four years provided in the original Act, the legislation contains only one change, and that has to do with the financing of the program in the future.

When hearing were held in the House Agriculture Committee I testi-

fied and submitted to the committee an amendment, which was later approved and incorporated in the bill. It approximately doubles the amount of money which will be available in case it is needed for incentive pay-

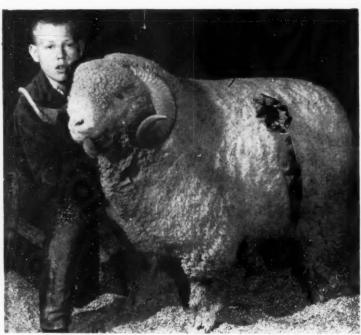
As all growers know, the National Wool Act of 1954 provides incentive payments for wool to be carried out by means of direct payments to wool producers. Wool is marketed by producers in the usual manner and after the close of the marketing year the Secretary makes a direct payment to the producer based upon the difference per pound between the average market price of wool for that year and the support level previously announced by the Secretary. This level is established, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, at an incentive level calculated to increase the domestic production of wool.

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Legislation

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Mohair Included

When the first wool bill was pending I insisted that mohair be included, and through the help of Bob Poage on the committee the bill was amended to include mohair. The incentive price for the 1958 program has been set at 70 cents per pound—the same as for the 1955, 1956, and 1957 marketing years.

Fortunately no payments were required on mohair sales for the first three years because the average price was above 70 cents per pound. If in the future payments are required they will be made in the same manner as for shorn wool.

Funds For Payments Exhausted

The act further provides that pay ments to producers made thereunder shall not at any time exceed an amount equal to 70 percent of the accumulated total of the gross receipts from specific duties collected on and after January 1, 1953. Although this limitation has thus far permitted the Secretary to make all payments scheduled under the act, Department officials estimate that the amount of payments might soon outrun the legal limitation by as much as \$20 million. Therefore, my amendment, to meet this crisis, provides that 70 percent of all tariff duties collected under schedule 11 (ad valorem duties as well as specific duties) may be used in making payments under the Wool Act and are automatically appropriated to CCC in order to reimburse the Corporation for such payments. By that arrangement the funding is automatic and the Congress does not have to appropriate from year to year.

In my testimony I pointed out that imports on raw wool have not been as high as anticipated during the last two years and consequently amounts available for incentive payments have been somewhat limited. Also more wool has come into the country in the form of manufactured goods. Moreover, the program for the first two years of the wool act's operation cost more than anticipated because the world market for wool was in a depressed condition. I poited out that wool prices in the United States were

further reduced through the feeding into the market of 150 million pounds of stockpile wools.

I also reminded the committee that tariff duties from wool have contributed to the support of 86 other agricultural commodities for the past 20 years and until the wool act became operative not one cent of wool tariff funds were used for the support of the wool industry. During my testimony I made this statement:

"The National Wool Act of 1954 limits the total amount of payments up to any date to the cumulative total of that amount from January 1, 1953, to the same date. Only 70 percent was taken so as not to interfere with the 30 percent appropriated for use under Section 32 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act. Seventy percent of the specific duties only were taken because in 1954 it was felt that such a portion would be adequate even though the specific duties constitute only about two-thirds of all duties collected on imports of wool and wool manufactures. In addition to the specified duties, there are the ad valorem duties. These are the duties collected at a rate in percentage of the value of the produce being imported. The specific duties are the ones figured at a fixed number of cents per pound. Raw wool, for example, carried only a specific duty. Wool fabrics imported carry both a specific duty and an ad valorem duty.

Funds Now Adequate

This amendment, which had the support of the National Wool Growers Association and of T. A. Kincaid, speaking for the Texas growers, and also the Department of Agriculture, and others who testified, was approved by the House Committee.

The Senate Agriculture Committee did not favor it, and the Senate bill which came to the House provided that direct appropriations should be made by Congress annually to make up any deficit, and also provided that such appropriated funds could not be used to make any payments on wool above an 85 percent of parity level. But in the closing days of the session the Senate accepted the House version.

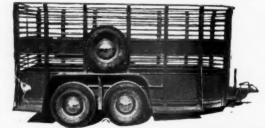
Cost of Program

The Department of Agriculture has announced that to date payments under the first two years of the wool program total \$109.4 million. Payment rates for the first year were 44.9 percent for shorn wool. This means

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that for every \$100 received by the grower for his wool, the government supplemented it with an additional

Payment rates during the second year's operation were 40 percent, and total payments amounted to \$51.8 million. Payments for the last marketing year have just been announced. Payment rates were only 15.5 percent, with the total being \$5.8 million. In other words, \$15.50 was paid for each \$100 of wool marketed.

Prices, Demand Have Dropped

The Department has just announced that prices received by domestic growers for shorn wool during the first four months of the current marketing season averaged between 36.3 and 37.7 cents per pound, grease basis. They averaged between 14.9 and 19.8 cents lower than a year ago. The 1958 season average, it was pointed out, is likely to be down sharply from last season and may be the lowest since the incentive program went into effect.

The 1957-58 world wool clip is now estimated at 4.9 billion pounds, grease basis, about two percent smaller than that of 1956-57.

Domestic production this year is estimated at 240 million pounds, up two percent from last year. This reflects the flock expansion due to improved range conditions, favorable prices, and the incentive payments.

World Consumption Down

During the first quarter of this year, aggregate consumption of wool in 10 countries which report quarterly to the Commonwealth Economic Committee was 16 percent below a year earlier. Consumption of other fiber in the wool textile industries of these countries declined nine percent.

It is further reported that domestic mill use of apparel wool this year is down for the second year in a row. The quantity consumed during January-June was 26 percent below last year. The lower rate of mill use largely reflects the general recession in textiles which started during 1956. Increased competition from man-made fiber and the long-term trend toward lighter-weight clothing also contribute, the Department reports.

Prices of wool at the close of the 1957-58 British Dominion wool selling season late in June were between 25 and 30 percent lower than a year

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Can you imagine the cost of such a program? The thousands upon thousands of dollars such a program necessitates is an indication of what the wool and mohair people are up against — what the wool textile industry faces. We need to utilize every dollar, every facility, all our intelligence to combat such a program — a fight to keep alive.

One project this column has had in mind is a most vital one — one that the grower can easily do, should do, insist upon doing because it means so much in volume and prestige and in dollars and cents — the next time you see your automobile dealer, ask him about wool upholstery, insist that he order automobiles upholstered in wool.



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Texas Wool Party and Plenty of Bitterweed

(An answer to your article in the August issue "The Boston Tea Party With Plenty of Sugar.")

MOST OF the big boys in Boston believe Texas wool growers, through their own marketing facilities and operations, have helped cripple the Domestic Wool Industry.

Can they prove it?

Here are the indisputable facts:

1. In 1951 Texas growers sold their clips from 75c to \$2.00 with the bulk bringing \$1.00 and above—IN THE GREASE. They priced themselves right out of the wool market as synthetics made heavy inroads into the textile field. Every indication since 1951 is that wool is constantly losing more ground to new synthetic fibers. Latest statistics show that for the past few years we have been using less and less wool.

2. Since 1951 literally hundreds of worsted and woolen mills have gone out of business. It is now almost a daily occurrence to hear of another Boston big boy folding up his tent.

3. The big boys in Boston as well as others connected with the wool market (even some in Texas) have used the wool futures exchange in an effort to control prices to suit their own monetary gains. In 1957 they were so successful in rigging the futures market that several of the big boys in Boston and elsewhere showed losses running into millions of dollars.

4. Starting in July, 1957, Texas growers to a large extent declined to sell 12 months wool at \$1.75 to \$1.85 clean basis. They preferred to await the opening of the Australian

tion that prices would rise. Lo and behold they went DOWN! The frustrated growers and warehousemen ignored the facts and continued to hold for more money until early 1958. Then they started to sell at around \$1.10. All this in spite of the fact that some of the big boys from Boston tried to buy and made offers on their clips all the way down from \$1.85 to \$1.10 (so-called Rock Bottom prices). It proved to be bottom all right and caught the growers on the rock. Having failed to sell at a higher price when they had the opportunity, they now attempt to place the blame for their own misfortune on someone else, namely, the big boys of Boston. It was just another case of the bulls turning into hogs, to their own dismay.

5. The Texas Wool Party instead of drinking some of that good old Boston Tea (from China) preferred to partake of a stiff draught of Bitterweed. The cure for this will come in 1959 when they may collect 100% Incentive Payments and split it with their good friends, the big boys in Boston, who are not on the National Gravy Train.

Name and identity of the writer is not available as it is futile to continue to have more Boston Tea and Texas Wool Parties. Let's get back to the business of buying and selling wool and eliminate the sugar and bitterweed.

Editor's Note: Any more comments? What are your comments on the wool and mohair marketing problems?

PLENTY OF FENCES TO BUILD

"RANCHMEN will not catch up on fence building for several years," recently declared a Brackettville ranchman. "The main reason is that labor is so scarce that by the time you've rounded up a fence building crew, got the fence and posts, and started on the job, along comes another flood and washes out some more watergaps and a line of fence or two. We're sure getting behind in fencing and finances."

While fencing has gone up, and the chances are that it will go up more, ranchmen are planning on doing a lot of it, according to a recent survey of West and Southwest Texas ranchmen.

"We haven't caught up with the fence repairs from the floods of 1955-56," declared one ranchman. But more fencing will be done for improvement than for repair as soon as the labor situation can be ironed out.

Ranchmen, it is found, are getting to be a little more cagey in fence building on land they own. The majority feel that if fencing is to be done, it should be done well and with good posts and fence. That's one reason

why fences seen now-a-days appear to be just a little bit better than the old-timers across the road.

Good fences and good fence building pay, it has been found—and especially today.

NEW TAGRA OFFICIALS

OFFICERS AND directors of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association were elected at the annual meeting at Fredericksburg, August 1. The roster is as follows:

Officers: Claude Haby, President; C. H. Godbold, First Vice-President; Armer Earwood, Second Vice-President; P. E. Gulley, Secretary-Treasurer.

Directors: Brooks Sweeten, J. B. Reagan, W. S. Orr, Joe B. Ross, Jack Richardson, T. L. Brooks, Leroy Nichols, Leslie Pepper, Melvin Camp, F. E. Ebeling, H. R. Sites, Marvin Skaggs, C. A. Pepper, P. E. Gulley, C. F. Briggs, Authur Davis, Fred Earwood, W. S. Hall, C. H. Chaney, Carlton Godbold, Bob Davis, Jack Moore, Armer Earwood, Claude Haby, Bob Reid, Albert Jenkins, Howard Hay, S. F. Lackey.



"MISS MOHAIR" ELECT

Blonde and lovely Phyllis Sweeten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Sweeten of Rocksprings, was voted "Miss Mohair" Elect by the members of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association. Her escort for the "Miss Mohair" coronation was R. G. Leinweber of Mountain Home.

CUSTOM DESIGNER FOR "MISS MOHAIR"

MRS. CARLOTTA NEWSUM of 1403 Norwalk Lane, Austin, has taken a deep interest in executing special designs for Miss Mohair, both past and present. Her Coronation gowns in the past, and for the current Miss Mohair, Gail Nichols of Leakey, are exclusive creations made of a lovely white 100% mohair fabric, which has been secured through the courtesy of Ray Wyatt of Bandera County Ranchmen and Farmers' Association.

Mrs. Newsum has long been an advocate of the use of mohair in blends of both silk and wool. She has always made great effort to supply these blend fabrics to her customers over the state. She believes that one of the loveliest of fabrics now available is a blend of mohair and cashmere—for this is truly a "diamond fabric." She emphasized the fact that at long last the coutouriers of both France and Italy are utilizing the adaptability of mohair to all types of fabrics and designs, and that more and more mohair is receiving universal recognition in the fashion world.

The designs for other garments for Miss Mohair's wardrobe include a lovely cocktail dress in a blend of 80% mohair and 20% wool in a lovely blush shade, elaborately embroidered in gold thread and beaded in Far Eastern Indian motif. Her tailored or "walking dress" is designed in pale grey 100% mohair in a very



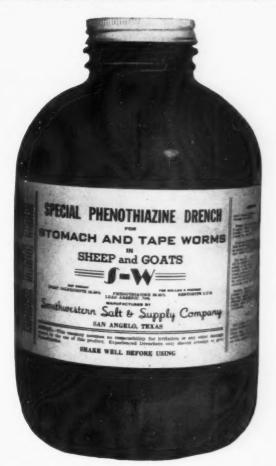
Mrs. Carlotta Newsum

sheer weave. The dress is fashioned on the empire lines, with double breasted bodice, cut very low in the front, and filled in with a handtucked organdy gilet.

Mrs. Newsum has emphasized beautiful designs in deep vintage colors for formal attire, and she has even specialized in wedding dresses in beautiful sheer mohair and mohair laces.

Attention, Mr. Rancher

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ALPINE, a lovely little city nestled high in a mountain valley and surrounded by the grandeur of lofty mountain ranges, is the location for the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association quarterly meeting, September 27. You can see majestic peaks, in any direction you look; some resembling cathedrals, others taking on different forms. You will enjoy the cool summer temperature of a low

average 77 degrees.

Alpine is the center of Texas' mountain vacation region, with the most excellent motels, guest ranches and cafes, which you will find listed on the double-page welcome for you from that city. Alpine is the ideal center to explore the scenic and historic Big Bend and Davis Mountain regions, and you will enjoy taking a few extra days for your trip there to visit some of the nation's famous ranches; enjoy cultural attractions at Sul Ross State College, and browse in the famed Big Bend Historical Museum located on the unique mountainside campus of the college; and don't miss Kokernot Field, home of the Alpine Cowboys

Kokernot Field

Kokernot Field, built by Herbert Kokernot for the Alpine Cowboys baseball team, is one of the finest fields in the nation. Baseball men from all over the United States have come to visit this park, and say that Kokernot Field is as fine a ball park as you will find anywhere in the world.

Herbert Kokernot, well known rancher, banker and baseball sponsor, of Alpine, has built the Alpine Cowboys into an all-college star team.

Big Bend National Park

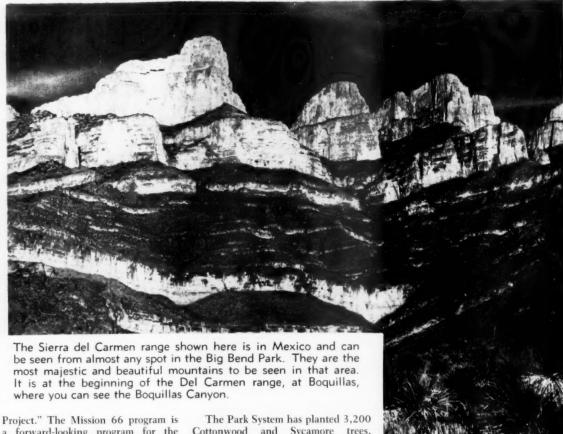
You probably have heard and read a lot about Big Bend National Park, but there just isn't words adequate enough to describe the majestic spendor of the Chisos Mountains in the park or the Sierra del Carmen, Fronteriza, and other specatular mountain ranges in Old Mexico seen from almost any part of the park.

The park contains approximately 700,000 acres and is sixth in size amongst the national parks. Elevations range from 2,000 feet above sea level at the Rio Grande to peaks in the Chisos Mountains reaching 7,800 feet.

The main scenic features of Big Bend are the Basin, the South Rim, and the three great canyons of the Rio Grande (Mariscal, Santa Elena and Boquillas) the walls of which rise almost perpendicularly from the water's edge to a height of 1,500 feet and more above the river. You enter the Basin on a road leading through Green Gulch and over the one pass in the surrounding wall of mountains. You will climb about 2,000 feet when you start up the Basin road to an elevation of over 6,000 feet before you descend to the floor of the Basin, which is the heart of the Chisos range and center of park activities.

Mission 66

Throughout the park you will see a sign at the sight of construction work that says, "This is a Mission 66



Project." The Mission 66 program is a forward-looking program for the National Park System intended to develop and staff the National Parks to permit their wisest possible use; maximum enjoyment for those who visit them and maximum protection of the scenic, scientific, wilderness and historic resources that give them distinction. The program started in 1956 will take 10 years to complete. It is scheduled for completion in 1966—thus Mission 66.

One phase of this program now under construction is Rio Grande Village, which really should be called "Paradise Valley." Located in the southeast part of the park on the Rio Grande River, it is a veritable paradise of beautiful green trees, grass and other greenery. It is like an oasis the in the desert and sparsely covered mountains.

Cottonwood and Sycamore trees, seeded native grasses and have about nine miles of irrigation ditches for watering the valley. They have three lakes in this area, parking area for 200 cars and space for expansion. There will be about 160 guest rooms and other facilities, including a swimming pool, constructed in Rio Grande Village. There are 25 remadas with table and benches and charcoal fireplaces built here, and 128 campsites that are afforded complete privacy by a solid green curtain of Mesquite brush. You will have to see this lovely green valley to appreciate it.

Park Superintendent George W. Miller is capably assisted by Henry G. Schmidt in looking after the park. The Chief Ranger is Monte E. Fitch, Park Naturalist Harold Broderick, and Park Engineer is Howard Emerich.

FOR THE RANCHMEN, ROADS LEAD TO ALPINE

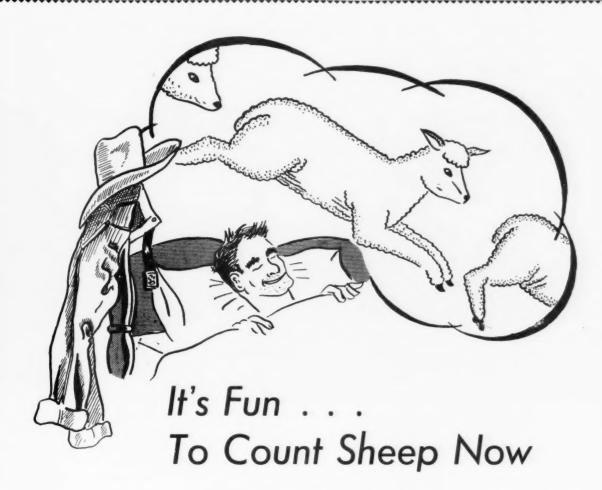
This is the highway entering The Basin in Big Bend National Park. It goes through Green Gulch and climbs 2,000 feet in seven miles. A scenic drive you will long remember.

Relaxation in Alpine

You may just want a nice, long weekend of relaxing in the cool mountain air in Alpine. Here you can rest in the comfortable and pleasant motels listed in this magazine. Some of them serve morning coffee and rolls in their lobbies, compliments of the house. Here you meet and talk with people from all over the nation who are taking vacations. And sometimes you meet a friend from some distant state that you haven't seen for some time. It is always a friendly and very pleasant circle and you will enjoy having coffee and rolls with them here.

Some of the motels have swimming pools. For the best accommodations, may we suggest you write for reservations at one of the following; Antelope Lodge, Siesta Motel, White's Highland Village, Motel Bien Venido or the Cathedral Mountain Lodge in Alpine. At the Circle W Cafe you will enjoy good food and cheese cake and cactus jelly that is so delicious you will want to bring some home with you. (I brought home a whole case of cactus jelly that is made right there in the cafe.) If you want to take along wonderful Bar-B-Q you'll find it at Elliott's Superette.

Make your plans now to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers in Alpine, September 27, see some of the city and surrounding area and don't forget to shop some while you're there. We believe you will enjoy every minute of your stay in Alpine!



Remember when sheep sold for \$2 a head – if you could find a buyer? Now they sell for \$25 – if you can find a sheep. If you have sheep it really is fun to count such a large investment and substantial dividend.

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HAY GOATS WIN AT FREDERICKSBURG

Howard Hay C-Type Angora goats garnered a bushel of ribbons at the recent TAGRA show at Fredericksburg. He is shown here with five of his winners

On the left he is holding the Champion C-Type buck which was also the Champion C-Type sales buck

Next is Frank Craddock, 9, with the Aged C-Type doe. Ann Crad-

dock, 11, is holding the Champion C-Type sales doe.

Mrs. Bill Craddock, Medina, is holding the Champion C-Type doe kid. Glenn Hay is holding the Champion C-Type buck kid.

Bill Craddock is the Hay's ranch manager.

WOMEN LIKE ANGORAS, TOO!

Ladies in the goat business were very much in the foreground at the Fredericksburg show and sale; some of them showing and taking ribbons, some selling, and others buying. Shown here in this happy group of ladies in the goat industry are (left to right, front row): Miss Beverley Chiodo, Leakey; Mrs. Bill Craddock, Mrs. W. S. Hall, Mrs. Vera Burrows, Mrs. Anne Krausse; (back row) Miss Gail Nichols, (Miss Mohair); Miss Phyllis Sweeten, (Miss Mohair-elect); Mrs. R. L. Ebeling, Mrs. H. R. Sites, Mrs. W. S. Orr, and Mrs. Thomas L. Taylor, who registers all the Angora goats for the Association at Rocksprings.

Some of these ladies operate their goat business by themselves; some of them with their husbands; and some started on their own and their husbands became so interested they almost took the business completely from them. Mrs. Sites said, "I started my goat business completely from them." ness when my husband was teaching and he got so interested that he quit teaching and started helping me and now I've had to take a back seat because he takes all the shows. But I still like and enjoy it, though

Beverley Chiodo has 25 registered goats and sells breeding stock and show goats

SEVENTY - SEVEN head of Angora does sold for an average of \$52.86 and 173 Angora bucks for an average of \$110.10 at the 39th Annual Angora Goat Raisers Show and Sale at Fredericksburg, August 2.

The Champion C-Type sales doe sold for \$190 to Mrs. C. L. Boren of Leakev and was consigned by Howard Hay of Bandera. The Champion B-Type sales doe was bought by Edgar Davis of Abilene for \$110.00 and was consigned by Mrs. A. W. Krausse of Fredericksburg. Edgar Davis also bought the third place doe, paying \$150 for it to Howard Hay of Ban-

The buck sale was unusual with the third place sales buck selling for more than the first place champion buck. The champion sales buck consigned by Charles Orr of Rocksprings sold to The Alamo Ranch of Junction for \$525 while the third place buck sold for \$825 to Bob Davis, Authur





THE CORONATION

Miss Mohair and her royal court. About a score of beautiful dutchesses from Fredericksburg and surrounding cities, with their escorts and attendants, made the coronation ceremony an impressive and glittering one. The event, held in the Fredericksburg Fair Hall, was well attended by ranch people of the Hill Country who enjoyed the coronation, the entertainment and the mohair ball which followed.

Gail Nichols Crowned Miss Mohair

MISS GAIL NICHOLS of Leakey was crowned Miss Mohair by the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association in Fredericksburg at the Coronation ceremonies July 31.

Miss Nichols is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nichols of Leakey. The royal court consisted of thirty-three beautiful girls representing cities throughout Texas. Jack Moore of Ingram was escort to the new queen.

Ladies-in-waiting to the queen were Miss Judith Hunter, escorted by Tommy Bishop and Miss Alice Toombs, escorted by Lamar Hicks, all of Uvalde.

Miss Nichols' coronation gown was made of cream colored mohair in a princess style. White Chantilly lace fashioned a dropped shoulder effect, covered the high bodice and continued down the front, forming a panel flaring at the knees and bordering the entire gown at the hemline. Irridescent sequins in scroll detail edged the lace panel and border. The lace panel had rhinestones and teardrop crystals scattered on it.

The train was of emerald green fastened at the neck with a two-inch band of rhinestones. Around the edges of the train was a sequin and rhinestone panel. In the center of the train at the lower edge was a large rhinestone "M" for Mohair.

Miss Nichols modeled a soft pink mohair cocktail dress at the business meeting of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association. Is was a semichemise with a flair at the bottom. It was embroidered in kaleidoscope effect over the bodice with vari-colored oval cut rhinestones.

Miss Mohair's wardrobe was designed and made by Carlotta Newsom of Austin.



MISS MOHAIR

Lovely Gail Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nichols, was crowned the 1958-59 "Miss Mohair" in the beautiful coronation ceremony at Fredericksburg on the evening of July 31 during the annual meeting, show and sale of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association. Miss Nichols succeeds Miss Laverne Johnston of Junction.

Davis and Bill Elms. It was consigned by Claude Haby of Leakey.

The Champion C sales buck consigned by Howard Hay of Bandera sold for \$700 to L. E. Johnson, Jr., of Sonora.

The fourth place buck consigned by Mrs. Howard Hay sold for \$500 to E. C. Lawry of Bandera.

Charles Baumen was the purchaser of the greatest number of does. Top buyers of bucks were M. J. Read of Ozona, Edgar Davis of Abilene, Carl Pfluger of Eden and Adolf Stieler of Comfort.

The Problems of Your Estate

By R. D. FOUTS

(First of a series of articles of importance to the ranchman)

Introduction

HOW WELL have you planned your estate? The true test should not be HOW MUCH YOU WILL LEAVE TO YOUR LOVED ONES, but: HOW MUCH WILL BE KEPT FOR THEM

Man's greatest financial problem today is not so much that of earning a dollar but rather the one of getting the most long-run value out of the dollar after he acquires it. Much difficulty arises through man's failure in facing the problem of protecting his acquisitions from the heavy losses that result from his death so that he can pass on to his heirs as much of his estate as possible.

Because of high income taxes it is not incorrect to say that, for many people, every additional dollar which can be successfully transmitted to one's family is the equivalent of two additional dollars earned. Therefore, careful thought and planning is necessary to reduce estate shrinkage to a minimum. A series of thought-provoking questions and explanations are presented for the benefit of persons who have property so that they will see the urgency of evaluating the effectiveness of their present estate plans before it is too late. Such an evaluation could also result in effecting certain changes which would increase the amount of spendable dollars available to the property owner and his family during his lifetime.

Some Questions About Wills

LIQUIDITY

- Do you know that when a man dies the Government makes an independent appraisal of his assets for estate tax purposes?
- 2. Do you know that quite often this appraisal is at a much higher figure than that placed upon them by the owner?
- 3. Have you made available to your executor the proof he will need to establish the value of your assets at your death?
- 4. Have you any idea how much your estate tax will be?

- 5. Have you provided the cash to pay this tax?
- If you do not have the cash, have you decided which assets should be sold to raise it?

This series of questions refers to the problem of liquidity. In most instances the estate owner is not aware that the average estate shrinks by about one-third before his loved ones receive what he has left them. Between the date of death and final distribution to the family, a process similar to the reorganization of a business takes place.

Since the law permits valuation of the assets either as of the date of death or one year after the date of death, whichever is lower (unless a sale is made during the year, which sale sets the value) the executor will normally wait the year in order to obtain the benefit of a possible lower valuation. He then has three months in which to complete Estate Tax Form 706 and pay the Federal Estate Tax. If he cannot raise the cash, he can ask the Internal Revenue Service for an extension of time, which is discretionary



R. D. FOUTS

with them. If granted, 4% interest accrues until the tax is paid.

In the meantime, the executor has to face the major problems of the payment of debts, income and other taxes, executor's and lawyer's fees, state inheritance or estate taxes, and bequests. He also has to see that the family of the deceased has ample funds to maintain their standard of living, if cash for this purpose has not been provided

HERE'S A GOOD DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSE

IF YOU worry about expenses—and almost everyone does—remember that you can deduct traveling expenses and all other expenses pertinent to the trip in figuring your income taxes when you attend the meetings of the

Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

So plan to take advantage of this legitimate expense, and attend the September quarterly meeting at Alpine on the 29th. Also, the Annual Convention at Dallas on December 8 - 10



from other sources, such as insurance, living trusts or the personal funds of the wife or children.

If the deceased left a business, the double squeeze of accelerated accounts payable and slackening off of accounts receivable can give the executor many a sleepless night. Replacement of the managerial skill of the deceased is found to be almost impossible. The question of legal authority to continue the business can be raised. Banks will rarely make loans of working capital at such a time. Cash—and plenty of it—is the only solution.

Having filed the estate tax return and paid the tax, the executor now breathes a sigh of relief. But is the government satisfied with the executor's valuation of the assets? Hardly; for the estate will receive a letter stating, among other things, the following.

Numerous conferences now begin

as to the value of the assets. The government agent wants appraisals of the real estate, jewelry, objects of art, etc. For a business interest he wants copies of balance sheets and profit and loss statements for five years preceding death. He wants copies of the will and business agreements, if any. If gifts have been made within three years, he may want to tax these as having been made in contemplation of death.

Finally, the day arrives when all issues have been settled. The executor is then shocked to find that an additional estate tax is now due on the increased valuation, together with six percent interest from the date the tax should have been paid. The executor is again faced with the necessity of raising cash. It is not unusual to find him borrowing money or selling assets for this purpose. This time an extension to pay the tax deficiency, (including the 6% interest) will cost 6% interest on the total.

By now, three years or more may have elapsed. The executor is ready to turn the remaining assets over to the heirs or the trustees. Everyone is shocked at the tremendous shrinkage caused not only by payment of the many obligations, but also by the forced liquidation of assets. Questions are asked. Could something have been done to minimize this financial catastrophe? If so, why wasn't it done? Who is to blame for this inertia? It is certain that if the deceased had an opportunity to return to earth, he would make the necessary plans to prevent these hardships. How much wiser is it to do so before he departs!

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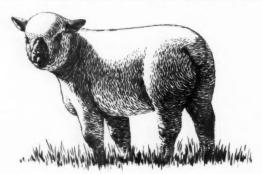
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Management of The Farm Flock

By JOE H. DIXON

Shade and Water for the Flock **During Summer Months**

DRIVING ALONG the highways in the summer time, one of the most pleasing sights that greets one's eye is to see livestock resting comfortably under large shade trees during the heat of the day. To be out in the open air, in the shade of wide-spreading trees, where the breeze can reach them freely, is ideal for all kinds of livestock. It is nature's way of providing good shade for farm animals.

If there is no shade for the flock in the pasture, then some other means should be provided to give them needed protection from the sun and heat during the day. It is only natural that flocks do most of their grazing in the morning and late evening. If shade is available, you will usually find them enjoying it during the mid-

An open shed or barn with hallway through the middle and open at both ends gives good protection from both heat and bad weather. There is generally a draft and a good breeze through the center of a barn that is open on both ends.

Tin roofs on open sheds that are not high enough off the ground can be very hot and uncomfortable during the summer months unless some form of insulation is used to keep the heat from penetrating through the tin.

Sheep Enjoy Cool, Clean Water

Good, clean, cool water is something every flock enjoys when available. Pasture tanks in this section seem to have more water in them this summer and apparently are in better condition than some years. In case of emergency, when pasture tanks dry up, some flock owners provide fresh, clean water for their flocks by keeping wooden or galvanized tanks filled close to their windmills or deep wells.

Sheep are rather sensitive and particular about what they eat and drink, perhaps more so than some other kinds of animals. Clean feed troughs and clean water is something every flock appreciates.

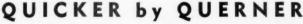
Preparing for Fall Shows

A big problem every summer for sheep exhibitors in the Southwest is preparing and fitting their flocks for the fall shows. Many county fairs are already under way, and our leading state fairs are not far off.

Due to the extreme heat while fitting sheep for our fall shows, several breeders find it necessary to use large circulating fans in their show barns and pens, while on the show circuit. Fans can be a big help on hot, sultry days in keeping highly fitted sheep much cooler, under these conditions. Even so, sometimes it is necessary to shear an individual that becomes overheated. In the show game, this danger continues to exist when sheep are fitted highly during the summer months. Experienced showmen usually can spot an overheated sheep and sometimes shear them immediately, rather than take a chance on losing them.

Once a show animal reaches its peak in the show ring, it shows a lot of bloom, and in the case of a show sheep, its flesh touches firm and hard. After too long a period of fitting and showing, the sheep begins to soften up and loses its bloom and firm fleshing qualities. Our best exhibitors realize the dangers of over-fitting and being on the circuit too long. You cannot fool the man who knows sheep and you seldom fool the judge if he knows what he is looking for.

Personally, I think we are getting far too many of our animals far too





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fat in our breeding classes and it is usually harmful to them in more ways than one. I would like to see more of our present-day judges pay more attention to the breed character, firm fleshing qualities, good body lines and heavy bone with good leg placement on our show sheep. To me this is far more important than the fat the anicarries over its top and sides. Fat, sloppy, overdone breeding sheep may occasionally win under some judges in the show ring but their usefulness in the breeding flock later on is usually questionable.

The Don Head Dispersal

Due to the fact that I was unable to attend the Don Head dispersal at Richmond Hill, Ontario, on July 1, I was not able to get the results of the sale in time for the August issue. However, it was a great sale and am sure the averages made will still interest breeders and readers of the magazine. The averages made in the sale were as follows:

38 rams averaged \$357.00 139.57 177 ewes averaged. 121 lambs averaged. 128.00 336 head averaged. 160.10

Texas buyers at the sale included Hamilton Choat, Olney; Bobby Penny, Winters; Walter Stelzig, Jr., Schulenberg; White River Stock Farm, Plainview, and Virginia Harral of Rankin.

Prominent Oklahoma breeders who purchased Southdowns in the sale were: Oscar Winchester & Sons, and Danny Winchester, Waukomis; Duron Howard, Mulhall; Carol Wood, Union City; Jim Morford, Amorita; Robert Griffith, Anadarko; Marvin C. Bicket, Lawton, and George Hardin of Mulhall

Fort Worth Show Makes Changes in Junior Lamb Show

Talking with W. A. (Bill) King, Assistant Manager - Livestock Manager of the Fort Worth Show, this past week. He has informed me there will be a few changes made in the sheep classification for this coming year, mostly in the Junior Lamb Show.

In former years, there has been a Grand Champion Fat Lamb or Wether selected at each year's show from the winners in both the Open and Junior Fat Lamb classes. From now on, it is my understanding there will be no Grand Champion selected, but there will be three Champion Lambs selected to include a Champion Fine Wool, a Champion Southdown and another Champion to be selected from all other medium wool breeds.

There is still a class for Best 15 Fine Wool Lambs, also one for Best 15 Medium Wool or Crossbred Lambs in the Junior Lamb Show. The class for Best 15 Lambs of Show has been

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The only change made in the Open Show classification for breeding sheep will be on Pen of Lambs. In previous years, this class consisted of four lambs, both sexes represented, all bred by exhibitor. In this year's premium list the class remains the same in some respects but the four lambs do not have to be bred by exhibitor. In other words, the class is open to all exhibitors.

Another important announcement in regard to the Fort Worth Show will be the manner in which the Fat Lamb Sale is handled. Ribbon winners only will be sold through the sale. This undoubtedly will add to the quality of the lamb show, and perhaps cause some of the inferior lambs to remain at home.

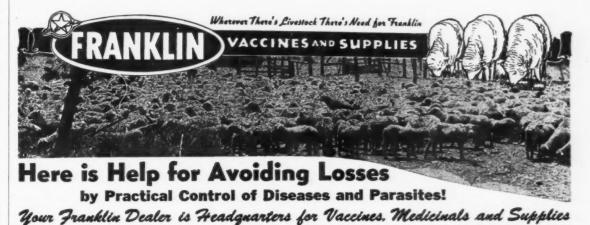
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(Continued from page 13) tions go to Harrison Davis in purchasing the entire Sugar Loaf Farm Suffolk flock and bringing them to Texas.

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NEW WOOL LABORATORY

THE UNITED STATES Department of Agriculture is constructing a new wool processing laboratory at Albany, California, for the study of raw wool to finished product. Many aspects of processing wool will be studied with research in problems of wool shrinkage, new products and processes stressed. About 15 highly trained employees will staff the propect.

How American wool producers and mills can meet the competition of cheaply grown and cheaply manufactured wool and wool yard goods and finished products is not one of the objectives.

MISSILE SITES SLATED FOR TAYLOR COUNTY

RANCHMEN IN Taylor County, especially around Abilene, are watching closely developments since the announcement that the government is to build two missile installations costing a total of five million dollars within 10 to 20 miles of Abilene.

"Some ranchmen will have visitors soon," declared Bob Rankin of Abilene. "And two ranches will get installations." These are expected to cover no more than 35 acres each, and from reports, they will be fenced solidly and manned on a 24-hour basis.

RANGE FIRES IN SUTTON COUNTY

AN ESTIMATED four sections of Sutton County ranchland pasture were destroyed by fire during the week of August 8 through 14.

The Gene Wallace and the Gordon Stewart Ranches were hardest hit by the fires with the former losing a section and a half of pasture and the latter losing over two sections. Other ranches receiving fire damage include the VanderStucken, Morrison and Hull, and Bill Wade ranches.

Dozens of ranchmen and other volunteer firemen helped fight the fires. Sprayers and fire-fighting equipment were rushed to the scene of the fires from all over the county.

Leo Merrill of the Sonora Experiment Station estimates that the loss from the burning of one section of pasture would amount to a minimum of \$1,000 with a possibility of a much greater loss through erosion.

Other costly fires have occurred in West Texas in August. One of the worst was in Burnet County southwest of Burnet.

Felix Heiman, Fredericksburg, reported an early August sale of about 100,000 pounds of 12 months wool at 36½ to 46½ cents a pound to various buyers. All his remaining mohair at 71½ cents for adult and \$1.01½ for kid.

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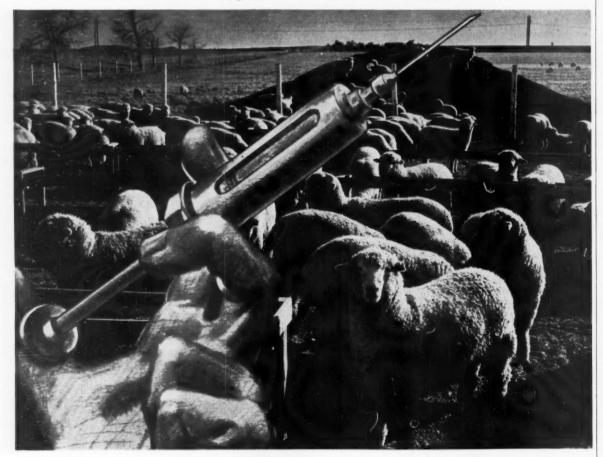
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By L. P. GABBARD

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Washington Parade

By JAY RICHTER

NOBODY HERE really knows whether the new "humane slaughter" law will hurt or help stockmen in the long run. Some think increased packer costs could lead to higher retail prices . . . less demand for red meats.

Others insist new slaughter methods will save packers' money.

While packers and farm groups opposed the new law, the American Meat Institute now observes, "It had been clear for some time that legislation on this subject was probably inevitable."

The new law, briefly, will require packers who sell to the government to adopt "humane" methods of slaughter—starting July 1, 1960. What such methods may be are to be determined by the Agriculture Secretary who is authorized to seek the help of an advisory committee representing packers, labor, the government, producers, humane officials, veterinary and religious groups, and the general public.

The late session on Capitol Hill featured assaults upon the parity standard as a measure for farm price supports. Strong opposition to the parity concept came from city lawmakers, encouraged in their views by Mr. Benson and the Farm Bureau leadership.

The Secretary would like to get rid of the sliding scale. Bureau officials want to substitute for it a stop-loss support program featuring price floors at levels below actual market averages of previous years.

Many lawmakers from farm areas, and most farm groups, are disturbed at the attacks on parity. Says Grange Master Herschel Newsom, "The parity base for figuring supports is at least a hedge against inflation."

Both friends and enemies of the parity principle, however, are searching for new methods of supporting prices

Will the international crisis lead to government controls on the economy?

Not unless things go from bad to worse with our affairs abroad, or unless runaway inflation is threatened.

That is the consensus, now, of government officials in Washington.

Note that the government cannot at present apply wage or price controls without congressional approval. The power to control industrial production . . . to establish priorities and allocations . . . is another matter.

The government has such authority under the Defense Production Act, passed during the Korean War, and extended in amended form for two years during the recent session of Congress.

Non-compliance corn — grown in excess of allotments — probably will be price-supported again this year. Look for the announcement to come from USDA following release of the September crop report. Rate figures



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Expect a sharp sag in corn prices if USDA does the unexpected and decides against non-compliance price support.

Recent official price figures indicate reason for caution in predictions of further improvement in farm income. USDA's parity ratio, or the measure of farm buying power, is now about the same as a year ago.

Farm prices have been continuing higher than a year ago, but so have production costs. Costs figure to continue going up since steel and other industries increased their prices.

Talk here in Washington these days continues to center on the international crisis.

Controls over the economy are not being contemplated in Washington, but would come with actual fighting, or perhaps if the crisis deepens. The government would have to go to Congress, however, for permission to impose wage and price controls in agriculture and industry.

Farm price effects of the crisis have not been great to date, barring up-and-down jitters in commodity markets.

Big questions in minds of livestock leaders here is whether the new farm law will help or hurt stockmen. There is much difference of opinion, but balance it out and you get about this:

The law could have ill effects in the long run, but—it is likely that

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there would be forewarnings — and, in this event, the law can be amended and improved.

As things stand, there figures to be a continuing outsize production of feed grains and corn. Corn next year could bring growers, inside and out of the commercial area, a guaranteed price of approximately \$1.15 per bushel.

This, most people agree, would stimulate increased production.

With your lawmakers coming home, and this year's legislative bat-

tles over, farm leaders here are attempting to assess the meaning of the recent session for the future. One thing that most agree upon is this:

That some new method of firming up farm markets, in the face of persistent surpluses, needs to be found. The parity price concept has taken a beating and may be on the way out.

Being talked most as a substitute for it are one of two or both of these general methods. First, stop-loss or disaster-prevention floors that would be based on actual market averages in the prior years. This is the formula

strongly advocated by the Farm Bureau. Second, individual commodity programs under which farmers themselves, with or without government participation, would gain firmer control of supplies . . . in effect, hold products off the market (or simply not produce them) when prices went below the level of reasonable return.

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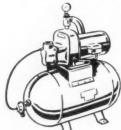
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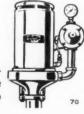


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FATHER - DAUGHTER TEAM

Skaggs Continue Long-Time Angora Goat Program

By MELVIN CAMP

AT THE Skaggs Angora goat ranch near Junction there is a beautiful young girl by the name of Marvel Ann who holds the spotlight as the ranch's first lady. Her father is Marvin Skaggs, who is now serving his second term as president of the American Angora Goat Raisers Association, as well as being one of the top breeders in the industry.

When Marvin lost his wife in 1948 he was left with a small, curly haired daughter and a son who was almost grown. His son soon married and established a home of his own. Marvin was confronted with the problem of either raising a daughter alone or letting relatives care for her. His love was so great for this little girl with the radiant smile and pleasing personality that he decided to let her remain at the ranch with him. Although the loss of a mother and wife had a terrific effect upon their lives, Marvel Ann and Marvin soon adjusted to it and now they are a closely knit father and daughter team still in the business of breeding the best Angoras they know how.

Marvel Ann is soon to finish and receive her degree at Texas University. While attending college she spends every weekend possible at home, where she helps with the housework and the goats. During the summer vacation she is often called upon by prospective buyers to show them the bucks being offered for sale when Marvin is out of town.

They live at the old Skaggs home place two miles west of Junction, where Marvin's father, the late N. H. Skaggs, founded the flock in 1904. This flock was founded from animals purchased from Colonel Lowery of San Saba, Texas. These animals were originally imported from South Africa and Asia Minor, and shown at the World's Fair in 1904.

In the early history of this flock there were several individuals which were rated as some of the best in the history of the Angora goat. There were such bucks as "William I" which sheared thirty pounds in twelve months, heaviest shearing goat on record at that time; "William II," his son; "Dan Moody," named after the then Governor of Texas; and "Fritz Hobson," an import from South Africa. The doe, "Goldie," was named to two grand championships and acclaimed by many at that time as the greatest doe in the history of the Angora goat. An offer of \$500.00 for her was refused by the late Mr. Skaggs.

At present the flock consists of about 250 head of registered breeding females, which produces from 75 to 100 bucks each year, plus a similar number of does worthy of registration. Marvin does all of the work himself in managing the does, kids, and young bucks. He said that the three greatest problems in the management of a registered flock producing males for breeding purposes are (1) getting does to drop a live, strong, and healthy kid and raise it to weaning age; (2) mating the does to the proper sire so that an offspring will be produced which will be as good or better than the parents and will be wanted by commercial as well as the registered breeders; (3) develop the young bucks from birth to 18 months of age so that they will be strong and vigorous and be able to give service to the person who buys them.

Management of the flock is a year around affair. The three peak work periods are (1) in the fall, (a) mating the does and bucks, (b) weaning the kids and getting the young bucks started on feed; (2) in late winter and early spring, (a) kidding the does and numbering the kids in preparation for registration, (b) maintaining the young bucks on good feed; (3) summer, (a) finishing the young bucks out for show and sale, (b) marketing the annual offering of bucks.

In the fall when the breeding season approaches, all kids are separated from the does and weaned. The adult does are then divided into small groups and placed in separate traps. He carefully selects each doe to be mated to a certain buck and as she

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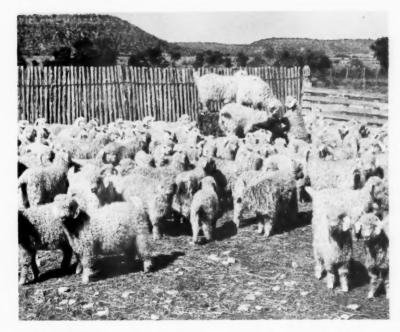
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Angora kids are playful. It didn't take long for them to begin climbing to the top of the bales of hay after they were put in the pen. After the first ones reached the top they butted the ohers down when they tried to climb up. The young bucks in this group of kids will be sold as breeders when they reach eighteen months of age. The young does will be culled and the culls eliminated from the flock. The remaining does will be added to the flock as breeders.

is put in the trap her number is recorded, so that when her kid is born he will know which buck was its sire and all of this information can be recorded for registration purposes. When conditions of the range are poor the doe as well as the buck is given supplemental feed daily on the range.

After the breeding season is over all the bucks are removed and the entire band of does are run together again. Prior to kidding time the does are fed shelled yellow corn by throwing it on firm soil out on the range. This grain is thrown out over a large enough area so that the weak as well as the strong does can get their share.

When kidding time approaches Marvin puts the does in small traps near his kidding pends which adjoin a long shed. This shed is 20 feet wide by 120 feet long and is partially open on the south side and east end but is completely closed on the west and north side. It is large enough to accommodate the 250 does and their kids without crowding.

After the kids are born they are kept in the pen until about three weeks of age. The kidding season begins in late February and the bulk of the kids are born in about one month although some are still due as late as two months after the first ones arrive. Before any kid is allowed to leave the pen and run on the range with his mother his ears are notched, and these notches represent his flock number. This number, along with that of the doe and the buck to which she was mated, is recorded. Later Marvin will send in a complete record of those kids he considers worthy of registration to the secretary of the AAGBA at Rocksprings.

In the fall when the young buck kids are separated from the does and weaned there are several problems. These young bucks must be taught to eat grain so that their rate of maturity will be stepped up. Some respond quickly while others get off to a slow start. This may often be credited to the fact that it is difficult for some to get adjusted to not having the milk of the doe as a part of their diet. There is also a problem of keeping the young bucks separated from the breeding flock since many of the buck kids are of such size and maturity that they will readily mate with the does.

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PARTNERS

Marvin and Marvel Ann Skaggs, father and daughter, operate the Skaggs Angora Ranch together. They have decided that this young buck kid will probably grow into a top animal which will make a good sire for some registered or commercial flock. Their flock consists of about 250 registered breeding females which produce from 75 to 100 bucks each year.

COUNTING OUT

Counting them out. Here this young Texas University Coed helps her father get a good count on the kids. They are checking to see whether or not they still have the same number as they turned out after kidding time. After they are strong enough to run on the range with their mothers they are still subject to predatory animals. Living within ranging distance of town dogs, they are on the constant alert for prowling dogs which often attack flocks of Angora goats and do considerable damage. A group of dogs can do much damage to a flock of this type. Within a few hours they might destroy thousands of dollars worth of Angora goats.

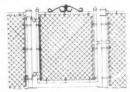


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Skaggs Goats

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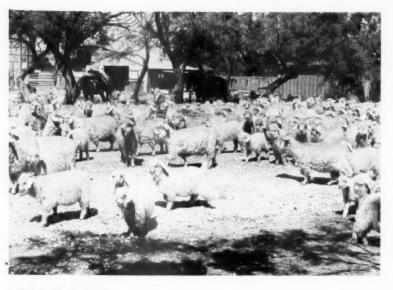
This is one rule that must be strictly adhered to in a registered flock since it is of utmost importance that every mating be a controlled mating.

In the spring the bucks need to be given every opportunity to develop. Marvin lets them run on small grain fields, giving them supplemental feed. In late May or early June the better bucks are separated and confined to a pen where they are conditioned for the shows and sale.

Marvin is quite active in the Angora goat industry. In years past he maintained a show flock of both bucks and does but due to a shortage of help and the time required he now only enters bucks and a few does in the major sales, where they are automatically entered in competition. He is a past president of the Texas Angora Goat Raisers Association and is still one of its 18 directors. He is also one of the senior judges for this association and judged the "C" type division at the show and sale in Fredericksburg this summer.

Marvin believes in breeding only the best sires he can obtain. At present he is breeding a Haby buck which was the champion "B" type animal and top selling animal at the TAGRA show and sale in 1954. He is also breeding the Authur Davis buck which topped the Junction sale in 1955. Another buck that he has been breeding was an Authur Davis buck which sheared 23½ pounds in a sixmonths period. In past years he bred "Snappy," an Orr buck, which also was a TAGRA champion and did much to improve the flock.

Marvel Ann has been an inspiration to her father to keep trying to maintain and improve such a fine flock of Angoras.



BASIC FLOCK

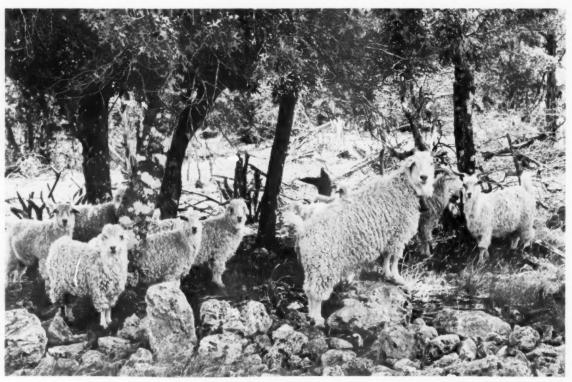
The basic flock of Angora does and their kids. In early summer Angora does start looking for shade by about 9:00 A.M. Although they can stand higher temperatures than that in the shade, they do not like it.

ANGORA MUTTON GOATS

By MELVIN CAMP

Castrated Angora males are run on the ranges for mohair production and brush eradication. After their mohair yield gets too low or is very coarse, due to aging, they are sold for slaughter. The largest goat market in the United Sates is at San Antonio, Texas. Here much of the goat meat is consumed by the Mexican population. It is also used a filler in many sausage meats. The official name for the meat of the Angora goat is Chevon, although it has never received popular acceptance.

Mutton Angora goats, as they are commonly called, are often preferred by producers since they yield a heavier fleece than females do and there isn't the kidding problem. In recent years there has been a good demand for this type of goat for brush eradication in other areas besides the Edwards Plateau, where most of the Angoras are concentrated. In addition to eradicating brush for range improvement, they also give good yields of mohair. A good average mutton should produce about 11 pounds of mohair a year.





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THE 1958 edition of the annual West Texas Fair opens its doors to the public at the beautiful and spacious Taylor County Agricultural and Livestock Center, Abilene, Saturday, September 13, and will continue for an extended run through Saturday, September 20. Two extra days were added this year by the West Texas Fair Board of Directors due to popular demand, and in anticipation of record crowds. New, all-time attendance records are expected to be set this year.

The fair this year will include such diversified items as a Livestock Show, Agricultural Exhibits, 4-H and FFA Exhibits, Soil Conservation Displays, a Fish and Wildlife Exhibit staged by the Game and Fish Commission, Women's Department Exhibits, and of

course, the always exciting Bill Hames Carnival.

This year, for the first time in the history of the fair, there will be a Quarter Horse and Palomino Horse Show, with cutting, reining and performance classes, an addition that is expected to draw thousands of horse lovers in the West Texas area.

Also, each and every night there will be an hour-long, free midway show for the edification and delight of fair goers featuring famous TV and movie stars.

According to John Womble, president of this year's West Texas Fair, the 1958 edition promises to be the biggest yet, and certainly the most exciting. Total attendance for the eight (8) day-and-night run is expected to be very close to the 200,000 mark



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Ranching and Oil Work Together For Edgar Davis

By BILLIE STEVENSON

THE OIL industry comprises a major part of the economy of Abilene, which is headquarters for the 15-county West Central Texas Oil and Gas District, and over 400 oil industry firms operate in Abilene. Ranching and agriculture contribute another major portion in income to Abilene. One of the men most representative of both the oil and ranching industry is Edgar Davis.

Varied Livestock Interests on Davis Ranch

Mr. Davis heads the West Central Drilling Co., the Edgar Davis Drilling Co., and his ranching operations covering some 40,000 acres of land and thousands of registered sheep and goats and hundreds of registered Herefords and Black Angus, several head of registered quarter horses, together with raising wildlife and experimenting with crossing Buffalo and Brahman cattle. In addition to all this varied business, he has devoted much of his time and finances to the success of the Abilene Fat Stock Show, the West Texas Fair and 4-H boys and girls.

The first of the year he was honored by having the 1958 Junior Livestock Show dedicated to him. He has served as chairman of the sales committee of the annual show for several years. Through his individual efforts the list of buyers of premium animals has continued to increase.

Mr. Davis is married and has two daughters, Margaret and Mary, 8 and 9 years old. He works at entertaining his daughters as industriously as he does his work at the office.

He sponsors four to five boys and girls each year in 4-H work, supplying them with calves or sheep and the feed for them. His acreage is in four counties. He has two ranches in Taylor county on which he keeps his wild game birds (pheasants, bobwhite, Japanese quail, etc.), his buffalo and Brahman cattle, sheep and goats and a few grade Herefords. The ranch in Stonewall County has Black Angus and the other ranch, which is in Callahan and Shackelford Counties, has registered Herefords.

Proud Herefords Roam the Davis Ranch

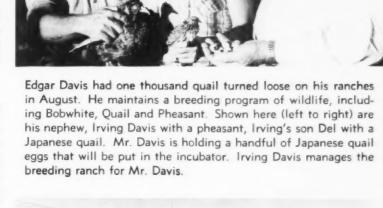
Mr. Davis started his Hereford herd with the top sons produced by the famous and popular WHR-Proud Mixer 21st. Many of his first cows carried bloodlines similar to the dam of the C-W Prince Domino 21st, the noted Register of Merit sire owned by the Largents. He has since acquired bulls carrying the blood of O. H. McAlister's Larry Domino bull, Roy Largent's Royal Mixer and the Zato Heir line through DMR Zato of the Diamond M Ranch at Snyder. He is now breeding Silver Zato 108.

Sheep and Goats Part of Davis Ranch Plan

He also carries quality in his sheep business. He started his Rambouillet breed with rams from Miles Pierce's famous flock, along with some of the better rams produced in the Texas Tech flock. He bought his Delaines from the Wittenburg flock at Eden and some from R. R. Walston at Burnet. For Debouillets he went back to Wittenburgs at Eden.

When asked which of the sheep he liked best he said, "I prefer the Debouillets because of the size, the increase in wool production and they get lambs ready for the Easter market sooner than the others."

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Mr. Davis is building an outstanding herd of Angora goats. Del Davis, in the background, will select his show goats from this flock of Mr. Davis' ranch.



Mr. Davis is a big hearted man and tries to make all his employees happy. This happy group of his office girls persuaded him to bring them out on a lease to see a new oil drilling rig he had just had set up. He takes them on field trips to acquaint them with the materials that they work with on paper.



This is one of the herd Buffalo bulls that Edgar Davis is using in his experimental breeding program. The cow at the left is the produce of the Buffalo and Brahman cow. Mr. Davis has a small herd of these crosses and he said, "The steaks have been delicious. We like the meat from these Buffalo-Brahman crosses very much."

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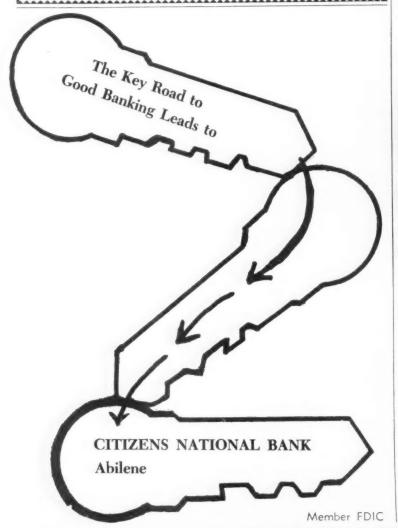
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Ranching and Oil

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In August he flew down to Fredericksburg, where he was one of the top buyers at the Annual Angora Sale. Land Improvement

Mr. Davis has cleared and seeded some 2,000 acres. He has his own bulldozer and seeds an Amarillo seed mix which consists of little bluestem, sideoats grama, and curly mesquite. He has used some KR bluestem and switchgrass and a little blue panic. He said, "I intend to continue to improve my land until it is all productive. It will take a few more years to finish the job. I am subsoiling about twelve thousand acres. I have a good one hundred percent cover on the



Mary Davis, nine-year-old daughter of Edgar Davis, corners a set of twin calves on the Edgar Davis Hereford Ranch for this picture.

land that I've had rootplowed and seeded. It was not producing anything but brush before we improved

How does he keep up with all of his activities? Each branch has a department head with men responsible to them. Alton Whiteaker is in charge of the cattle. Mr. Davis' nephew, Irving Davis, heads the sheep, goats and experimental breeding division.

The drilling department is headed by Harry Elliott, Jr., vice president, and Ralph Miller, drilling superintendent; oil production by H. N. Davis. Ranch accounting department headed by Clarence Tucker, and oil accounting by Dick Richard. Pete Johnson is landman and Jimmy Sopourner, geologist.

Mr. Davis' cars are all equipped with radio phone and he maintains contact with his office wherever he might be.

He has a wonderful ability for delegating responsibilities and his employees seem happy to carry out his instructions promptly.

Davis Encourages the Youngsters

He is proud of the improvements he has made on his ranches and the progress the 4-H boys and girls make with the livestock he has given them. He works faithfully to encourage them in every way and whenever he sees a way of increasing interest in conservation of wildlife, and soil and other ranching and livestock interests he will put forth every effort to bring it into being.

In addition to all his work he still finds time to fish and hunt all the way from Canada to Old Mexico. He is a camera enthusiast and takes movies of his many activities. He owns an airplane and has a pilot, T. J. Dunlap, to fly him on business and pleasure trips.

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Abilene Range Riders Have Fun in Club

ABILENE HAS a horse club that will be of interest to you readers who like horses and would like to start a horse club in your area. The membership initiation fee is only \$20 and dues are only \$18 per year, and this includes the entire family. The organization has a club house, horse barn with 20 permanent stalls, lighted arena, bucking chutes, judges' stands, bleacher seats, permanent cattle pens and feeders and watering troughs all constructed of permanent fireproof materials costing about \$21,000. Here's how they did it:

Organized

The club called Abilene Range Riders was organized about 15 years ago as Sheriff's Posse and was revamped and renamed about seven years ago. There are 100 active members and all work for the progress and interest of the club.

There are two clubs within the club—the Roping Club and Cutting Club. The Roping Club meets Tuesday and Saturday nights, Cutting Club on Monday and Thursday nights, and Friday night is activity night when all participate, including the small-fry.

The regular business meeting of the Range Riders is the first Thursday in each month. The club is a member of the American Association of Sheriff's Posses and Riding Clubs. Officers are elected from the 20 directors; directors elected one, two and three years.

There is a committee for the many groups which include the parade group, cutting, roping, reining, halter, entertaining, etc. By having so many committees it keeps the club running smoothly and maintains interest in the club.

Club dues are low so the average person can belong. There is no drinking on the grounds.

Horse Shows

The club has two horse shows a

year, one the first part of January and the other the first part of June. The merchants of Abilene sponsor each class in these shows. C. E. (Doc) Botkin, president, said the merchants who sponsor a class only pay \$20 and they will get more than that in advertising. He said, "We have had merchants call us up and ask to sponsor a class. The radio, TV and papers give us good cooperation in publicity on the shows."

There is a \$5 entry fee, charged for the halter class, which the club keeps. The performance fees vary and are used for prize money. All performance classes must show at halter. Part of the money made is given to a crippled children's fund.

Extra Income

The club rents the club house out for parties and they also give square dances to make extra money for the club. Club members work in concessions during the shows to make extra money. The families donate cakes, sandwiches, etc.

The club has used the money they have made to build their club house and facilities. Many of the members donated work, plumbing, wiring and other things which have amounted to about \$6,000.

"Doc" Botkin said, "As far as we know we are the only club in the U. S. that keeps roping and cutting calves the year around. These are also managed to the financial advantage of the club.

the club.

"We have a caretaker to look after the horses and grounds. We furnish him a house and utilities and give him a salary. He is under the supervision of the house and grounds committee.

Children Included

"We have a playground for the children which is enclosed in an iron pipe fence for the children's safety. Children not riding can play here while the parents do their riding.

"The program committee arranges many activities, which include all ages, to help hold interest in the club. Friday night is a play night that is just like a rodeo. And for six-year-olds cometimes we have a stick horse race. Some nights we'll have the little ones chase goats that have dollar bills tied to their tails. Then there is the goat hair pulling. Here the boys rope the goats and the girls run out and pull the goat's hair and take it to the judge. Each performance, roping, cutting, barrel races, etc., are given points which are added up at the end of the year and a grand prize given. This holds the interest in the work during the entire year."

"Doc" Botkin continued, "You don't have to own a horse to belong to the Range Riders. We have many members who enjoy the many activities of the club even though they do not have horses. We have some professional riders in cutting and roping who help the beginners to learn. We strive to teach sportsmanship."

"Doc" said a lot of hard work goes into the club and if anyone is interested in organizing a similar club they will be happy to help them in any way they can.

Officers of the Abilene Range Riders include C. E. Botkin, president; Quincy Taylor, first vice prseident; Robert Rankin, II, vice president; W. F. Fiveash, secretary and treasurer, and Iris Bills, assistant secretary and treasurer.

SMITH RETIRES

A. L. SMITH, animal husbandman with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Extension Service employee since 1919, retired August 31. He left behind him a record of outstanding leadership in Texas agriculture, and especially in beef cattle improvement work.

His service includes much fine educational work with 4-H club members and their beef cattle demonstrations. He aided in improvement of beef cattle breeding, resulting in many grand champion steers shown at major livestock shows of the nation.

Mr. Smith has been active in the Houston Fat Stock Show and Rodeo for many years. He also helped to initiate the famous calf scramble of the Houston Fat Stock Show and Rodeo.

A 1919 Texas A. & M. graduate, Mr. Smith was a distinguished student. He and his wife will continue to make their home in Bryan.

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However, that prediction was wrong. Today, Abilene is a thriving city of retail and wholesale trade amounting to well over \$173 million annually, with manufacturers, oil industry, agriculture, and military establishments adding to the ever-increasing income of the city.

Texas and Pacific Railroad

Responsible

The Texas and Pacific Railroad is responsible for the birth of Abilene, a city carefully planned and promoted into existence. As the railroad pushed west across Texas, it encouraged new towns. There was to be one in the vicinity of the present city of Abilene.

The little city did not develop gradually as most towns did from a small cluster and then into a community. One month there was no such place as Abilene, then the next month, March, 1881, there was a lusty, aggressive, bulging village. Col. Clabe M. Merchant is credited with naming Abilene (after Abilene, Kansas), and helping get the new town located.

On March 15, 1881, Abilene was born, officially, at an auctioneer's block. The railroad had arrived about two months earlier. And with it came "immigrants," home seekers, speculators, railway workers, and drifters.

The T. & P. boosted the town as a future great city and during two months previous to the sale of the town lots had done a big selling job. As time for the auction drew near more and more people poured in.

The first day of the sale 139 lots sold for \$23,610. The sale was finished March 16, bringing the total of 178 selling for \$27,550. The remainder of the lots were sold at private sale

Abilene was off to a great start and has continued to grow. Abilene has three banks, two savings associations, the newspaper, the Abilene Reporter-News, that publishes morning and evening papers; two radio stations and two TV stations; Dyess Air Force Base, a 70-million dollar permanent installation of the Strategic Air Command.

Recreation and Entertainment

For recreation and entertainment, Abilene has 10 parks and a zoo; four lakes offering fishing, swimming, and all water sports; two golf courses, 13 theaters, three swimming pools, public library, fine arts, two bowling alleys, over 175 civic, service and fraternal organizations, and spectator sport. In addition to professional baseball and wrestling, the two colleges, university, and Abilene High School offer a busy schedule of spectator sports during the school year. Hardin-Simmons University is a member of the Border Conference, while Abilene Christian College and McMurry are independents. Abilene High School won the state football championship in 1954, 1955 and 1956 in Class AAAA.

Colleges and University

Abilene has had the cultural progress offered by its two colleges and university. Hardin-Simmons University is a co-educational, liberal arts university offering bachelor's degrees in the arts and sciences, business administration, music, physical and health education, and religious training. There is also a nurse's school and courses are offered in medical technology, pre-med, pre-law, and pre-engineering.

Master's degrees are offered in education, arts, and music. The University was founded in 1891 and is operated by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It is a member of the Border Conference in athletics and its music department has produced the world famous Cowboy Band. There is an Army ROTC unit on the campus.

Abilene Christian College was founded in 1906, and is also co-educational and closely affiliated with the Church of Christ. Bachelor's degrees are offered in the arts and sciences and liberal arts. Master's degrees are offered in music, bible, education, the arts and sciences. ACC has gained national attention in recent years for its outstanding track teams. Bobby Morrow, Olympic champion and three gold medal awards winner, was one of their famous athletes.

McMurry College, founded in 1920 at the annual session of the Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church, began its first classes in 1923. The liberal arts co-education college is one of the youngest, fastest - growing educational institutions of the Methodist Church. Bach-

elor's degrees are offered in the arts and sciences, and a master's degree in education is offered.

There are 17 elementary, three junior high and two high schools in Abilene. She also boasts three private schools, two beauty colleges and three business colleges, two general hospitals with 255 beds, several clinics, the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for Crippled Children, and Abilene State Hospital.

Military City

During World War II, Abilene had the Abilene Air Force Base and Camp Barkley in full swing, which added to an already increasing income for the city. At the end of the war, these two bases were suddenly deactivated, with Camp Barkley quickly town down. The general predictions were that Abilene having lost the tremendous income derived from these bases, would also die. Life Magazine even went to the extent that it carried a picture story of Abilene in early 1946, and stated that Abilene was a dying town.

Some Predictions Wrong

These predictions, as with the prediction about trade being non-existent with the end of the buffalo bone trade at the beginning of Abilene's growth, never came to pass. The oil industry, colleges, manufacturing, new military establishments, ranching and farming have all contributed to the continued growth and expansion of Abilene.

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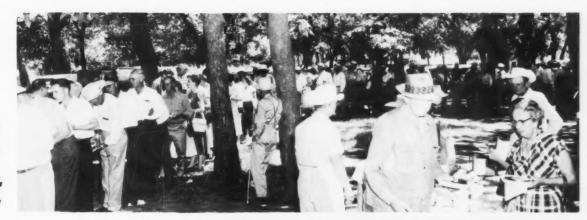


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HUNT NEW PRESIDENT OF TAYLOR LIVESTOCK GROUP

Wayne Hunt of Bradshaw was elected president of the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, succeeding Bob Rankin of Abilene. On the left is ranchman Sam Butman, Jr., of Merkel, one of the leaders of the group, and H. C. Stanley, Taylor County Agent, who is secretary.

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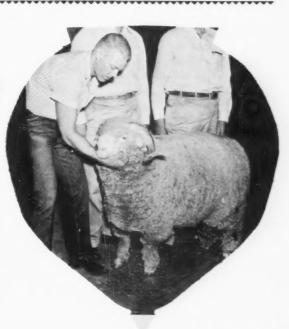


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Texas Delaine News

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

THE CENTENNIAL celebration of Blanco County was held in connection with the annual fair in Johnson City. The various exhibits depicted the marked progress over the years, and this could well have been in the livestock division. We are quite sure the pioneers of Blanco never anticipated such, too. These changes wrought have required many years of untiring efforts, but the results are gratifying.

The A. C. Lindeman flock was in top shape for this occasion, and Mr. Lindeman and sons, Carroll and Harvie, managed to have Champion Ram and Ewe and Reserve Ram and Ewe. Billy Kidd of San Saba served as judge and commented that quality was high even though the numbers were small, Francis and Rodney Kott and H. W. Dietz had some very nice sheep on exhibition, too.

The annual fair at Fredericksburg was most successful. The Delaines on exhibition were choice animals, and were a credit to the breeders. Francis Kott had first place ram lamb, Elam Miles first place ewe lamb, and Joe LeMay swept the yearling and aged ram and ewe classes. Joe also had both champions and reserves with

his fine animals. This seems to be an annual affair with Joe carrying off top honors. J. E. "Spud" Tatum again served as judge, and was glad to see so many good animals.

The first annual Delaine - Merino ram progeny test conducted at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at McGregor, Texas, was completed August 12. The data has not been compiled as yet. Dr. Shelton feels that the tests were beneficial and much good can be derived from it. We are looking forward to the planned field day when this information will be discussed and are hoping others will decide to participate in the program.

D. T. Poston, Valley Mills, recently sold a large number of good breeding ewes and a ram to A. T. Driskell, Jr., of Waco. We are very happy to have Mr. Driskell on our membership roster and shall be looking forward to a most successful future for him with his registered Delaines.

Harold Bragg says his country could use more rain, but the growth of grass on his pastures exceeds sheep numbers. Sales have been very good for Harold, and it has been very hard for him to retain a desired number of sheep.

Abilene a Coming Sheep Area

Abilene is trying very hard to establish a good sheep show and this is indeed territory breeders should be concentrating on for new interest in the industry. We are hoping to see many of our breeders participate there and let's help make this show what the officials are hoping for—a good one.

MARFA WOOL & MOHAIR CO. SOLD TO QUICK

GERALD NICKS, owner of Marfa Wool & Mohair Co. for the past 10 years, sold the business to Bill M. Quick of San Angelo. Mr. Quick will assume control of the business September 1.

Clark Ridout, who has been assistant manager of the business, will continue in that capacity.

Mr. Nicks will either continue to live in Marfa or move to Sonora, where he has ranching interests.

Mr. Quick and his family will move to Marfa as soon as they sell their home in San Angelo. He has been a wool buyer in West Texas for the late Walter M. Marston, of Boston, and more recently represented Donald Hansen, Boston. He also formerly was associated with Bevie DeMoville in the operation of the Santa Rita Wool Company.

ENTHUSIASTIC

THE SUL ROSS College Short Course School in early July was one of the most enthusiastic livestock meetings I have attended in Texas. The good rains in Southwestern Texas certainly have improved the spirits of the Texas sheepmen. Every man I talked to was planning to increase his flock, and there seemed to be a great deal of interest in trying to improve quality and up-grade the lambs marketed. VERNON C. JELLEY

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Note: Many more pictures of summer sheep and goat sales will appear in our October issue. Watch for them.



MISS BEVERLEY BENTLEY CHOSEN MISS WOOL

THE FIRST National Miss Wool Pageant was termed an outstanding success as Miss Beverley Bentley, 18, New Mexico University student of Albuquerque, was selected to wear the crown of the wool industry.

In a varied entertainment and fashion show program Miss Bentley won over 12 other "Miss Wool" candidates representing as many states of the western wool growing area. "Miss Wool" of Texas, Miriam LaCour, of Raywood, was named alternate.

More about the blue-eyed blonde, who is assuming a leading role in the wool industry's advertising program, will appear in next month's issue of this magazine.

L. F. Hodges, veteran Rambouillet sheep breeder of Sterling City, is recovering nicely at his ranch home from a heart condition suffered early in August.

Another West Texas rancher, Louis Hersey, who ranches near Iraan, is in an Iraan hospital following a heart attack suffered the first part of August.



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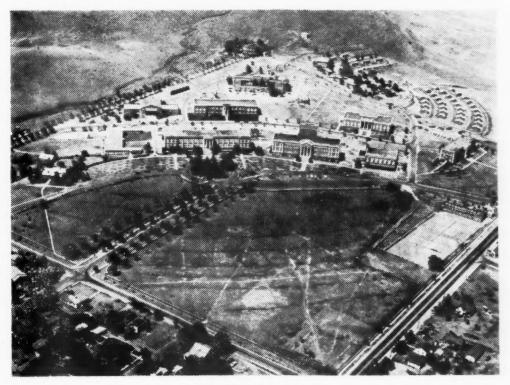
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Sul Ross Launches Expansion

CONSTRUCTION is beginning on the new Science Building on the Sul Ross State College Campus. Warner Construction Company of San Angelo was awarded the contract on their low bid of \$624,721, on August 12. There were 14 bids in all, and only \$50,000 separated the low and high bids.

The new Science Building will follow the Georgian architecture of the Campus and will be located between the Fine Arts Building and Ferguson Hall dormitory. This three-story structure will provide 46,000 square feet of space for the teaching of the sciences at Sul Ross.

Dr. Bryan Wildenthal, President, pointed out that the twelve multipleuse classrooms may be used for other classes when not in use by the Science Department. "Full schedule of classes will insure economy of use and provide for air-conditioned rooms for use by the other departments," the President stated.

Range Animal Husbandry Department

The ground floor will house the Range Animal Husbandry Department and provide a green room and a herbarium for the dual use of the Range Animal Husbandry Department and the Biology Department. In addition, well-equipped laboratories for the teaching of soils, agron-omy, horticulture, wool and mohair, control of animal diseases, animal breeding, soils and soil conservation, nutrition, and management are provided the Range Animal Husbandry Department on this floor.

The first floor provides facilities for the teaching of both graduate and undergraduate classes in biology and zoology and geology. Special provisions have been made to provide preparation rooms and display rooms for the vast botanical and geological materials to

be found only in this section of West

Rooms designed for the teaching of structural geology, mineralogy, paleontology, and sedimentation and subsurface geology will round out the Geology Department.

The second or top floor will be used for the teaching of chemistry, physics, mathematics, and mechanical drawing. An added feature will be a complete planetarium and a large lecture room that will have elevated seats and be equipped with the latest audio and visual aids.

The building will fill a definite need for added instructional rooms and well-equipped laboratories for Sul Ross, Dr. Wildenthal said. The need for expansion is borne out by the 1957-58 enrollment which showed an increase over the enrollment for the previous year and is among the top-percentage increase for all state-supported institutions of higher learning for that year. A comparable increase is anticipated for the 1958-1959 enrollment.

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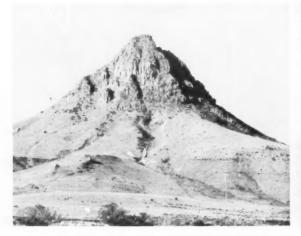
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Legislation

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earlier. This reflected the easier world demand.

Imports Also Down

U. S. imports of dutiable wool for consumption during January-April of this year amounted to only 24 million pounds, clean content, compared with 34 million pounds in 1957 and 48 million pounds in 1956. The lower imports reflect the reduced rate of mill use, and also the use of a relatively higher percentage of domestic wool.

Carpet Wool Bill

We were unable to stem the tide in support of the Harrison bill earlier this year—a bill to amend the tariff law so as to admit, duty-free, improved wools with a fineness up to 46's (with 10 percent of the shipment permitted to be of fineness up to 48's) if used only for carpetmaking. Wools up to 40's are now admitted duty-free, and that has been the law for years.

While admittedly the amount of the

wool imported under the amendment will not directly compete with very much of our domestic production, we considered it dangerous as a precedent. We argued that if wools of up to 46's are allowed to come in free for carpet manufacturers, it is only reasonable to assume that those in the apparel and blanket business in the S. importing these same grades of wool, will come before Congress for similar concessions and for similar 'special privilege" legislation. We did succeed in getting an expiration date written in making the duty-free admission expire in three years.

Fred Earwood of Sonora, Chairman of a National Wool Growers' Committee, came to Washington to join in opposing the Harrison bill during hearings.

Transportation Act

The House considered and passed the mammoth railroad transportation bill this year, which contained a "sleeper" provision which would, for the first time, have placed scoured and clean wool under the Motor Carrier Act, and make the transportation charges subject to ICC regulation. Such wools have always been treated as unprocessed agricultural products, exempt from the Motor Carrier Act.

I was able to get Congressman Oren Harris, Chairman of the Commerce Committee, and the ranking Republican member of that committee, to agree to an amendment which continues the present exemption, and so the bill was amended accordingly.

In 1957 about 30 million pounds (grease basis) of wool was scoured in Texas. This amounts to approximately 13 million pounds scoured basis. Frank Roddie's mill in Brady is handling a lot of this. Nearly all of this wool was transported to eastern and southeastern manufacturers by freely competitive carriers — mostly trucks, hauling 22 to 26 thousand pounds of scoured baled wool.

The rates charged by these truckers were over \$1.50 per cwt. less than those charged by railroads. This amounts to a saving of approximately \$200,000 for only a small segment of the industry.

In this battle the National Wool Growers Association and the Texas Association were very active and helpful.

Reciprocal Trade Act

The Reciprocal Trades Act was approved, extending for four years and liberalizing the present law, and authorizing 20 percent reduction in tariffs on any imported product.

Although we all recognize the importance of foreign trade in its relation to our national economy, I was constrained to vote against the bill in the form presented because it lacked controls and safeguards for domestic industries which I felt should have been included.

The reciprocal trade program was supposed, as originally conceived, to encourage foreign governments to sell commodities which they had in oversupply and which we needed and it was supposed we would reciprocate by shipping to them commodities which we had or could produce in over-abundance and which they needed. That was a sound approach to international trade.

The Constitution provides that the Congress shall have the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations. But the Congress has, step by step, transferred this constitutional responsibility to the executive branch and has virtually abdicated this obligation. The executive branch, in turn, has turned over its tariff-making power to GATT—the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade - a body which now has a membership of 35 nations. This body, accountable to no one but itself, has the power to set up tariffs, and since the U. S. has only one vote out of 35, policies adopted by this group have, in an alarming number of instances, deprived our industries of domestic markets.

Wool growers have a stake in this legislation because under our incentive program the financing of it comes from funds derived soley from the tariff on imported wool. The success of the program is tied in with the money derived from wool imports, whereby it is financed. If the tariff on wool should be further reduced, funds to finance the incentive payments would be trimmed to that extent

Bracero Program

Finally, a subject that has caused

a lot of headaches on the part of farmers and ranchmen this year has been the manner in which the bracero program has been administered by the Department of Labor under Public Law 78. A lot of the trouble is traceable to propaganda put out by the National Agricultural Workers Union, which collaborates with its counterpart in Mexico.

Scores of conferences have been held with Labor Department officials in an attempt to get some order out of the chaotic condition that developed early this year when processing of "specials" practically came to a halt. T. A. Kincaid, Ernest Williams, Penrose Metcalfe, Joe Montague and O. D. Dooley have been in Washington on occasions, pleading the cause of the ranchmen who depend on Mexican labor. But at least until recently most of our efforts have been in vain.

I joined in a vain effort to get the administration of the "specials" part of the bracero program turned over to the Immigration Service, or that unilateral processing (without consulting the Mexican officials — which is authorized by an Act of Congress) be undertaken.

Finally, Labor Department officials, giving some heed to our complaints, went to Mexico City to discuss the "specials" problems with their counterparts in the Mexican Government. A meeting was held in Mexico City on July 30, and upon the return of the Labor officials a report was made to the House Agriculture subcommittee, headed by Congressman E. C. Gathings of Arkansas, and of which Bob Poage is a member. I also attended.

In that report we were given some very strong assurances that an honest effort would be made to get the program back on the track, pursuant to agreements worked out in Mexico. It remains to be seen whether these assurances will be translated into action.

In the meantime, Public Law 78, due to expire next June, has been extended. We were unable to get it amended.

NEW WOOL WAREHOUSE

THE EAST Texas Wool and Mohair Warehouse has been established and is now in operation, according to Bob Huebner of Buffalo. He, with Mrs. Huebner, visited the magazine office recently.

Fencing is a major project in East Texas now, according to Mr. Huebner, and is at the top of the projects he has under way to take care of his expanding flock of sheep and goats. He is planning also on a flock of registered Rambouillets as soon as he can prepare for them.

"We are getting a lot of sheep and goats in East Texas. The drouth started it but now that East Texans have found out that these animals are very profitable and that they can handle them they are expanding their flocks."

Mr. and Mrs. Huebner are planning to attend the annual meet of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association at Dallas in December.

Ben Hyde has purchased the Kerr County Commission Company of Kerrville.



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By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

UNPRECEDENTED development entered the lamb market at Chicago in late July and provided the highlight in an otherwise featureless lamb trade during the fore part of August. A very urgent demand for canner ewes developed and subsequent price gains in such kinds boosted their values to a point where they were selling as high as top quality

Many veteran members of the lamb trade cannot recall any other period in the history of the lamb market here where such a situation existed. There have been other periods when canner ewes sold relatively high when pelts were bringing a high price, but this condition does not exist at the present.

This time it is the meat from canner ewes that is urgently needed by lamb processors. It was this sudden spurt in the demand for lean lamb meat in the trade that quickly brought this situation into being.

Although the canner ewes have a limited amount of flesh, the meat is all lean and carries no fat. It is because of the latter factor that this meat is being urgently sought by most lamb killers. They report that their customers cannot seem to get enough of this lean meat. The big demand stems from the fact that a good share of the lean meat that is boned from canner ewes is processed and made into baby food.

This modern method of feeding infants has become a big industry in recent years and with the population of this country growing each year, the demand for processed food suitable for baby food is steadily growing and has recently made its effect felt in the lamb market.

Meat taken from canner ewes is also used in the manufacturing of certain types of sausage and the broad summertime demand for the latter also boosted this market.

Lamb buyers report that they have orders for canner ewes that cannot be filled because of the present scarcity of this class. The small numbers arriving lately have averaged from 100 to 110 pounds and brought \$7 and \$7.50, the same prices that purchased choice slaughter ewes with considerably more style and finish. However, these latter kinds are being passed up by most lamb buyers as they continually search for the thinner

The recent spurt in the demand for boning-type slaughter ewes brought to an end the longest decline on record in the monthly general average of slaughter ewes. For seven consecutive months the average price of slaughter ewes drifted lower until the reversal came in late July to bring to an end the downward trend.

While the highlights of the lamb market occurred in the ewe market, particularly canner kinds, the mar-ket for fed lambs moved along in a rather featureless way. However, most Corn Belt lamb finishers were provided with a fairly good price level for this time of the year. In fact, the general level of lamb prices in late July and early August hovered at the highest point in four years for this time of year.

Although occasional lots of fancy lamb reached a peak of \$27, the practical top rested around the \$26 mark. Because quality was lacking much of the time, most of the lamb supply moved to the killers down from the \$25.50 point.

Another scarce item came in the form of yearlings. Only scattered shipments arrived and sold mostly at \$21 and \$21.50.

Meanwhile, developments for the Corn Belt cattle feeder continued to be discouraging. This was due mainly to the fact that the downward trend has been present almost continuously

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The present situation in the cattle market was not aided by the attitude of the Corn Belt finishers. With the belief that this decline will continue for a while, most cattle feeders with cattle in marketable condition saw no reason to wait for conditions to improve and provided killers with liberal numbers. This worked further to their disadvantage as the heavy volume kept the trade mostly on the down grade.

Even though values of choice and prime steers are down substantially from the year's high point and at new 1958 lows, old-crop cattle in the fore part of August were still providing their owners with a profit. However, the returns were nowhere near as large as those of a few months ago.

While the present crop of cattle is still making some money for the finisher, there are some doubts regarding the ability of cattle purchased since the first of the year to do the same. Many believe that cattle purchased at the higher levels earlier this year will not be able to show a profit when they are marketed in the near future unless the market stages a comeback in the meantime.

One significent development took place in the steer market recently which gave some idea of the magnitude of the decline. For the first time this year early August found top steers selling below the prices of the corresponding days a year ago. Prime steers at this point were reaching \$28 and \$28.25 in a very limited way, which represented a drop of more than \$11 since the high point in late March when prime steers reached \$39.50.

While this big decline steadily grew in prime steers, the average level of steer prices at this time is down slightly more than \$3 from the spring high. This is due to the fact that lower grade steers held their high position until early August when they, too, finally worked lower, but were still above the low point of early this year.

The average level of hog prices has been edging upward in recent weeks and has given hog producers an opportunity to see their returns increase slightly. Some were of the opinion that this late July and early August gain is the last upturn in hogs before prices weaken and undergo a further downward trend in the months ahead.

Part of the recent rise in the general level of hog values was the sharp rise in packing sows which has been gaining steadily in price since the peak of the sow movement was reached early in July. Prices of barrows and gilts gained ground of late, but the big factor has been the upturn in sow values.

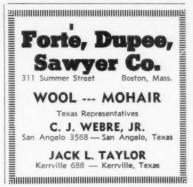
As a result of this trend, the spread between barrows and gilts, and packing sows early in August was the smallest since last February. Less than \$2 separated the average prices of the two classes at this time, compared with an almost \$4 difference about a month earlier.

The favorable level of hog prices attracted a larger percentage of light-weight hogs to market. This is evidenced by the fact that the average weight of barrows and gilts continued to decline and recently was the smallest since last September.

A large share of the new-crop hogs scaling around the 200-pound mark sold at or in the vicinity of the \$23 mark. Rates over the \$23 point were limited mainly to the meat-type kinds that ranged up to \$23.50 and \$23.75.

Some good yearling ewes sold up to \$24.00 per head in August around San Angelo.

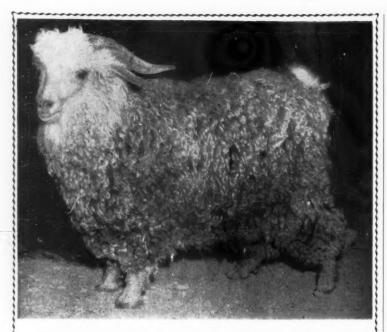
August deliveries of lambs showed up weights in the 75-pound range with prices ranging around 20 cents to 22 cents for the mutton lambs and a cent or two higher for ewe lambs.











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Rooshans say they got some sorta dope they spray on the soil and it grows tomatoes ten feet acrost. Shucks! They been growin' their lies in that kinda soil for years.

The doctor told Skinch Wicup he's gonna live 50 years longer. But Skinch says he has 30 years of monthly morgidge payments ahead of him and that leaves only 20 net years of life.

One of the farm papers prints a "Song of the Lazy Farmer." But us

farmers around here is too lazy to sing — we just barely mannidge to snore.

A feller that really knows everthing knows that the neighbors don't believe he knows a blame thing.

Somebody put loco weed in what was s'posed to be Sen. Haywire's mint julep just before he spoke at the big rally last night, but his speech didn't sound no diffrent from ordinary.

Today's mail brought an invite to a \$50-a-plate dinner, addressed to Honorable Foxtail Johnson. My wife says somebody's terrible mistook about my fynances and my morals.

First aim of the Hardscrabble Chamber of Commerce is to keep this town and its people so triflin' the Rooshans won't waste a bomb on us. It ain't hard.

Maybe it's more blessed to give than to receive but it's more usual just to give up.

Some of our Hardscrabble merchants has thought up a clever stunt to bring in business. They give away valuable prizes like groceries and gasoline to customers that come in for green stamps.

Age and experience is s'posed to improve a person, but a boy that gets caught stealin' watermelons never goes on to amount to shucks as a cattle rustler.



Seems like just a few years since hatcherymen begun supplyin' started chicks and here parents is supplyin' started delinquents.

First sightin's of the new styles for wimmen show that the neck line and waist line is closter together but it ain't 'cause the waist line has moved up.

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A feller's overworked when he's workin' so hard it don't leave him no time to figger how to get outa work.

Anything I say around the house incriminates me but no more than silence.

Fodge Rucker's just back from the city and says money ain't hardly worth nothin' no more. On his last trip a dollar would buy two smiles from a certain barmaid but now it'll buy only one smile and she's ten years older.

Ain't gonna be no recesses at our Hardscrabble school when the new term starts. They'll be two soda pop breaks and a long hot dog break at noon.

AT THE annual meeting in Fred-

ericksburg, Warren Kline of Kerrville

extended an invitation to the Associa-

tion to hold its annual events, corona-

tion of Miss Mohair, show and sale at Kerrville next year. Likewise, H.

Haby, county agent of Edwards County, sought the meeting for Rocksprings, while J. D. Stine requested that the organization give considera-

tion to Fredericksburg for another

year. Since the latter invitation cannot

be accepted without a change in the by-laws of the Association, the follow-

Directors of the organization will

choose between Kerrville and Rock-

ing action was suggested.

springs at their next meeting.

THE 1959 TAGRA

MEETING

Milk is awful short this hot summer. Ringtail Skump is doin' his part by layin' off cream fizzes and milk punches till the fall heffers freshen.

Sen. Haywire has won the votes of Squawberry Flat solid with a new kind of campane card. It's made of plastick that can be tacked over a knot hole and won't go to pieces in the rain.

Bart Whepley was hit by three unidentified flyin' objects last night. His missis was in too big a rush to notice what she grabbed and after she throwed 'em they wasn't nobody could tell from all them little pieces what they had been.

My wife says I'm just as much entitled to a \$75,000 pension as Hoover or Truman. It's worth more'n that to this country never to have had me for president.

Some of the best people around here has plumb caught on fire this summer. It ain't religion. It ain't campane fever. It's the weather.

Football rules is bein' revised again. They'll have to be changed considerable before our 125-pound Hardscrabble amatures ever wins a game from them 200-pound professionals from Beaver Slide High.

LEASES RANCH

ROBERT E. RANKIN, Roswell, New Mexico, Assistant County Agent, has leased about three sections of ranch land from Grover Nelson and Don Waddington of Abilene, to take possession January 1, 1959, after the land is released from a soil bank program. Old fields on the place have been planted and have excellent stands of grass. Rankin has purchased 500 head of ewes from the Scarborough Cattle Company in New Mexico. These will be bred to Suffolk rams and the ewes will be moved to his ranch late this year. The ranch also will be stocked with cattle and goats.

Rankin will also assist his father, Bob Rankin, in the operation of the Rankin ranch southwest of Abilene.

RANCHMEN STRICKEN

MILTON BAUGH, JR., San Angelo sales representative of the San-Tex Feed and Mineral Company and a ranchman, was stricken by a heart attack in early August. He is recovering in San Angelo.

Willie B. Whitehead, Val Verde County rancher, is at home after a siege with his heart this summer. He is reported to be recovering nicely but roping no calves.

According to recent work at the Ranch Experiment Station it is not likely that livestock on normal range suffer from vitamin A deficiency. E. S. Mayer and Sons of Sonora sold 1,000 mixed blackface lambs to LeRoy Russell of San Angelo at 21 cents a pound. The lambs were delivered in August.

Dr. W. T. Hardy, Manager of the Ranch Experiment Station near Sonora, declared before the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Association at Abilene recently that there is some indication that stomach worms can build up an immunity to Phenothiazine where sheep are fed it continuously but is not so great as to cause concern. He said that careful watch and more drenching might be necessary in some instances.

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Imports Cause Concern In Wool Circles

SINCE THE renewal of the Reciprocal Trade Treaties Act represents a distinct setback to the American Wool Textile Industry, bedeviled by increasing competition from imported fabrics, Woolens and Worsteds of America, the newly formed organization to promote American-made wool products, is placing the imports problem first on its list of major objectives.

It is recognized that the imposition of a quota on imports under the Geneva conventon clause has failed to cope with the problem which has become aggravated by the increasing flood of Japanese fabrics selling at considerably lower prices than comparable American products. In effect, while the import poundage is limited, the intensity of competition has increased. Indeed, Great Britain, and to a lesser effect, Italy and other Continental countries, are greatly concerned about the loss of their markets here to Japan.

The program will be a long-range one designed to debunk the myth of imported fabric superiority over native products. Naturally the goal cannot be accomplished overnight but through the cooperation of the various associations participating in the new organization, it is believed that much can be accomplished not only to stem the tide of imports but to increase the public appreciation of American-made products of wool. Television, radio, newspaper and other communication channels will be utilized.

An explanatory booklet will be off the press shortly for distribution to the American Sheep Producers Council, to memberships of the Wool Promotion Fund, Inc., representing the Boston and Philadelphia Wool Trade Associations; the Northern Textile Association, National Association of Wool Manufacturers, National Knitted Outerwear Association, The Jersey Institute, and The Felt Association.

Already financial support of the project has been assured from some of the member associations as well as from important individual concerns in the inter-related industries.

As noted, the American Sheep Producers Council has offered to match dollar-for-dollar the combined contributions of all of the other associa-

A meeting of the general committee of Woolens and Worsteds of America, Inc., will be held in New York City early in September to elect officers and discuss activities of the

Science Aids **Wool Fabrics**

IS THE wool producer losing out to the so-called "miracle fabrics?" Not so, says Dr. Gerald Laxer, Director of Science and Technology for the Wool Bureau. Scientific advancements in the treatment of wool are giving to wool many of the so-called "miracle" advantages of synthetic fabrics, plus the natural attributes of wool that cannot be duplicated.

What is the stage of development in adding new complements to wool's natural advantages? Here is the progress to date:

1. Permanent pleating and creasing: Si-Ro-Set is the trade name for this new process, which was recently released to manufacturers in the United States by Australia. How it works: The manufacturer of clothing sprays ammonium thioglycolage (the same chemical used to give women a permanent wave) onto the surface of wool fabrics or garments. After the garment, such as a pair of trousers, is pressed and steamed, crease is permanent. It won't come out when the garment is drycleaned nor when it becomes soaking wet. It's permanently pleated or creased! Permanent pleating and creasing of wool should be in common usage in the United States next year.

2. Moth - proofing of wool: The process of moth-proofing wool fabric is here and in common usage. How it works: The wool fabric is actually treated as if it is being dyed. The chemical used is called "Hexachloroepoxyocta hydroen oexi dimeth anonaphthalene." This chemical, when added to the dye bath, is absorbed by the wool fiber in amounts as small as .05% on the weight of the fiber itself. The moth grub, when coming in contact with the treated fabric, will not eat the material because it is indigestible and toxic to it. Because the cost of treatment is so small, there is no additional cost passed on to the consumer.

3. Spot - proofing: Trade name, "Scotch Guard." The two methods now being used: (1) Treatment of fabrics with chemicals-fluoro chemicals and silicone chemicals - both

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are synthetic resins. These chemicals form an invisible deposit on the surface of the fabric preventing liquids or grease from sinking into the cloth. These chemicals not only prevent water-borne stains, but also guard against such things as salad oil, catsup, coffee and tea stains. The stains can be wiped away with a damp cloth.

4. Wash 'n Wear Woolen: Still in the development stage. The use of cold water soaps has encouraged the home washing of such things as woolen sweaters, blankets, and knitwear garments.

T. J. Perucha of Matagorda County recently purchased the 10,174-acre George Raney ranch a few miles south of Spofford, Texas.

AUXILIARY WOMEN MEET IN DIVIDE

THE WOMAN'S Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Hill Country Chapter, met July 30 at the Divide Club House.

Mrs. Louis Strohacker, president, was in charge of the meeting. Wool and mohair promotion chairman, Mrs. Jack Groff, announced that the annual wool and mohair sewing contest and style show will be held in Harper this winter. Rules and information will be distributed upon request.

The organization voted to send a car robe from the West Texas Woolen Mills on the Alaska Friendship Flight.

The program was presented by three Houston ladies. Mrs. Helen

Bourgeoise told the history of weaving and showed samples of the various methods. Mrs. E. M. Schiwetz corded and spun Hill Country mohair, and Mrs. William F. Heickman dyed yarns for weaving. Examples of finished woven products were exhibited as well as a display of looms showing various types of weaving.

The Divide members were hostesses for the meeting. Approximately 25 members and guests attended the meeting and luncheon.

The fourth annual conference, "Water for Texas," will be held at the Memorial Student Center, A. & M. College, September 15 and 16. Several state governors and outstanding roster of speakers are on program.

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IN MEMORIAM

POWELL C. COATES

POWELL COLLINS COATES, 72, pioneer Crockett County ranchman, died July 30 in Memorial Hospital in Fort Stockton following a long illness. The Coates family came to Texas

from Mississippi before the Civil War, sutling in Coryell County and later moving to Crockett County. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coates, Collins Coates ranched with his father until 1915, at which time he went into business for himself. In 1929, he bought the "51" Ranch in Terrell and Pecos Counties, 55 miles southeast of Fort Stockton. During his residence in Crockett County, he served for many years as a county commissioner. Mr. Coates and his wife, the former Miss Nettie Perry, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last February.
Survivors include his wife of Fort Stockton; a son, P. C. Coates of Van

Horn; a daughter, Mrs. Louise Coates Pyle of El Paso; three brothers, Ford Coates of Fort Stockton, Charlie Coates of Karvel, Colorado, and Fleet Coates of Ozona; two sisters, Miss Dollye Coates of Ozona, and Mrs. C. C. Barton of San Antonio; two grandchildren and one great-grand-

MRS. ESTHER O. CROSBY

MRS. ESTHER O. CROSBY, 67, well known international hostess of Mrs. Crosby's Cafe and Hotel in Cui-dad Acuna, Mexico, died July 10 at her home following several years of

Known as "Ma" Crosby to hundreds of her West Texas friends and thousands of tourists, she built her business from a one-table cafe in 1923 to a modern restaurant seating 276

The daughter of a Mexican mother and a Basque father, Esther Otamendi married John Crosby. She spoke English fluently and understood the Basque language. Mr. Crosby died in the 1920's, and his wife kept his name because of her business,

after marrying her second husband.
Mrs. Crosby was a crusader for
women's rights in Mexico. Just a few
days before her death, she saw Mexican women go to the polls to vote in a
national election.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Manuel Garza Gonzales of Cuidad Acuna; two brothers; a sister, and four grandsons.

W. C. GIBBS

W. C. GIBBS, SR., 70, retired stock farmer and long-time resident of San Angelo, died August 9 in a San An-

gelo hospital.

Mr. Gibbs came to the San Angelo area with his parents in 1898. His father operated the first store in Stiles. After working for some time on the 7D ranch in North and South Dakota, Mr. Gibbs returned to the San Angelo area. He lived on the Arden Road until 1927 when he moved into town. As a sand and gravel contractor, Mr. Gibbs excavated the Edison Junior High School site and did other con-tract work on the Ben Ficklin and Nasworthy dams

Survivors include his wife, the former Delia Swope; three sons, H. C. Gibbs of Austin, Wallace C. Gibbs, Jr., and Billy J. Gibbs of San Angelo; a daughter, Mrs. H. C. Boatright of Corsicana; a brother, Paul Gibbs of Ozona; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Moore of Washington and Mrs. Georgia Shanks of Big Spring; and seven grandchildren.

MRS. W. E. FRIEND

MRS. W. E. FRIEND, 82, pioneer Crockett County ranch woman, died July 31 at the Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, old-time Big Lake area ranching couple, Miss Minnie Victoria Wilson married Mr. Friend in September, 1896. They ranched between Big Lake and Ozona for many years, liv-ing both on the ranch and in Ozona. They moved to San Angelo several years ago. Mr. Friend died in December of 1957.

Survivors include three sons, J. W. Friend of Fort Davis, W. E. Friend, Jr., of Ozona, and Bill A. Friend of Big Lake; three daughters, Mrs. Hud-son Mayes of Ozona, Mrs. Eddie Ar-nold of San Angelo, and Mrs. W. S. Wood of Fort Stockton; one sister, Mrs. John Young of Ozona; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

MRS. MYRTA SCHREINER

MRS. MYRTA ZOE SCHREINER, 93, died July 27 at her Kerrville home. She was the widow of A. C. Schreiner, early-day merchant and wool warehouseman, and son of Captain Charles Schreiner.

A charter member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kerrville, Mrs. Schreiner was active in music and church activities.

Survivors include two sons, S. Scott Schreiner and A. C. Schreiner, Jr., both of Kerrville; and several grand-children and great-grandchildren.

GEORGE JAMES BEAN

GEORGE JAMES BEAN, 67, Crockett County ranchman for many years, died suddenly August 6 at his ranch home near Ozona.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. George James Bean, natives of Scotland, Mr. Bean returned to Scotland as a child with his parents. When he was 17 he returned to this country and learned the ranching business on his uncle, Robert Massie's, land in Crockett County. He was active in the industry until the time of his death.

Mr. Bean married Miss Vada Jenkins in June of 1923 in Hillsboro. The couple lived in San Angelo for a few years, but recently they sold their home there and returned to their

Survivors include the widow; one son, Joe Bean of Ozona; three daughters, Mrs. Boyd Baker and Mrs. Carl L. Appel of Ozona, and Mrs. John C. Johnson of Dallas; a brother, Archie Bean of San Angelo; two sisters. ters, Mrs. R. L. Vaughan and Miss Mary Bean of San Angelo; and 10 grandchildren.

MRS. LEO POTISHMAN

MRS. LEO POTISHMAN, 53, died July 13 in a Fort Worth, Texas, hos-

She was the wife of the president and founder of VIT-A-WAY, Inc., Fort Worth, manufacturers of Min-eral-Vitamin Supplements for the feed manufacturing industry.

Mrs. Potishman, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, moved to Fort Worth in 1927

Surviving besides her husband is a daughter, Mrs. Martha Boots Putney of Fort Worth, and two grandchil-dren. Funeral services were held July 14 in Fort Worth.

The Dope Sheet

Comments, ideas and notes from the editor's desk. Take them or leave them.

FARM BLOCK SPLITS

POLITICAL EXPERTS opine that the so-called Farm Bloc is no more. They say that the big city congressmen finally banded together enough strength to overcome the split-up warring interests of agriculture.

This brings up again the old saw that farmers and ranchmen will go broke before they will work together. If that is the way that they want to go out of business then 1958 saw them on a good start—at least a lot of them.

The Farm Bloc was once the most powerful influence in congress and was powerful solely because it represented a large number of votes—people of agriculture voting and working together. With the split-up in agriculture's thinking, labor gained the ascendency and the prediction is that it will maintain the upper hand interests of this nation will pay through the nose—but that seems to be the way they prefer it.

The trend is to larger farm units. As the weaker and more inefficient drop out of the picture, as the going becomes more difficult, the corporation farmers and the better financed individuals fill the gap. The crop loss is little if any less, but the farm population is less and agriculture's voting strength is weaker. The 1958 figures reveal that despite the smallest acreage in 40 years the crop output is the largest in history.

largest in history.

Despite some figures and a lot of hullabaloo there is little evidence that the total income from farming and ranching is greater this year than last and the indications are that greater prosperity for the rank and file is remote. Don't forget that big city consumers are cracking the whip—are demanding and getting cheaper food while their unions are demanding and getting higher wages for the workers.

Nothing else can be expected but that of a greater burden on the smaller growers and the weaker farmers and probably less profits for most of the larger operators.

Powerful unions, albeit beset by thieves, gangsters and graft, demand cooperation of the workers and substantial contributions to the union exchequer. Good or bad, the situation exists, with agriculture bearing the brunt of labor demands.

Individuals in agriculture seem to prefer to lose ten dollars on the sale of a product rather than spend one dollar to support their own organization setup for the purpose of protecting their interests. What a price to pay for short-sightedness!

Every business indicator and practically every action of Congress points to more inflation—higher prices. The government debt is the glaring sign of the trend. It has operated in the red 22 of the past 28 years and shall do so in no telling how many future years. Subsidies for farm and business and billions for foreign countries add to the inflationary outlook.

As for taxes-more of them.

Farm prices probably will rise some, but relatively speaking, farmers' income will not keep up. Farmers, especially the smaller ones, will be hurt. This is because agriculture has refused to unitize itself, to organize effectively, to support as effectively as possible such organizations as the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, that its voice in Congress may be strong and clear. Farmers' loss—consumers' and labor's gain. Facts.

Every sheep and goat man, whether he recognizes it or not, depends today more than ever before on the organization representing him. If he wants a weak, inefficient one handlig his affairs, all he has to do is nothing. He will pay dearly—far more many times more than his dues amount to.

Weather Prediction: Heavy rains in coming months for West Texas as an outgrowth of expected Gulf Coast hurricanes.

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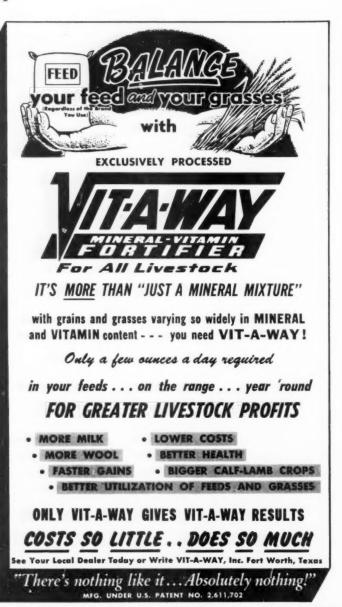
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There are now more than 100 inspectors working with more than 1200 breeders, inspecting between seven and eight thousand Columbias each year. To assist in the program, and especially to assist in the uniform inspection, the procedures are here reviewed.

Columbias should be eight or nine months old and weigh about 100 pounds before inspection.

Only lambs sired by a registered ram and out of a registered ewe are eligible for registration.

Record of flock number, Association number of sire, Association number of dam, year of birth, whether single, twin, or triplet, must be filed with the Secretary's office before an inspection can be authorized.

All flock numbers should be placed in the right ear of the sheep. The Columbia Association ear tag and tattoo will be placed in the left ear of animal accepted for registration by the inspector.

The owner of the Columbia sheep must keep accurate records. He should notify the Secretary of the Columbia Sheep Breeders Association of America giving the approximate time inspection is desired. He must have the sheep to be inspected separated from all others when the inspector arrives and be prepared to handle the sheep during inspection and tagging.

The owner pays the expenses of inspection and recording. Inspection costs may vary, depending on distance the inspector has to travel and amount of his time required. Inspection cost may be paid to the inspector or forwarded to Secretary's office, at the option of the inspector.

All applications for inspection and recording will be carefully checked in the Secretary's office to make certain that animals to be presented are eligible for registry. In case of missing information, the owner will be asked to complete the application form before it is forwarded to an inspector.

SHEEP SHOWING THESE DISQUALIFICA-TIONS WILL NOT BE REGISTERED: Horns—Horns, scurs or knobs on ewes and rams. (Slight scurs are permitted on outstand-ing rams but must be recorded and show on registration certificate.)

Wool Blindness-Wool should not extend low eyes and impair vision, even in full

leece.

Short Staple, Uneven Fleece — Less than hree inches staple length for 12 months' rowth or proportionate length for periods of arying duration. More than two grades of vool on same sheep and medulated fiber.

Light Fleece—Loose, light fleece, lacking in lensity.

Fine Wool-Finer than 1/2 blood.

Fine Wool—Finer than ½ blood.
Coarse Wool—Coarser than ½ blood, except on lower thigh which may be low ¼ if body fleece is ¼ blood.
Faulty Mouth—Any tendency toward either overshot or undershot jaws.
Discolorations—Any colored wool. Brown hair on face or legs. Thin covering of hair on face and ears leading to excessive sunburn. Occasional black hairs and small spots of colored pigment are permitted.
Folds—Excessive winkles or folds on neck or body shall disqualify. A slight fold on brisket shall not be discriminated against on quality animals.
Lack of Quality—Poor constitution, low productive capacity, malformed, weak pasterns, crooked feet, or crooked legs.

SCORE CARD FOR COLUMBIA SHEEP

crooked feet, or crooked legs.

SCORE CARD FOR COLUMBIA SHEEF
Body
General Appearance—A large sheep,
symmetrical in outline, head erect, legs
squarely placed. Rams distinctly masculine. Ewes strong but feminine.
Head free of horns, open, white face,
ino wool below the eye), eyes clear and
bright, mouth neither over- or undershot.
Neck medium short, with smoothness
from head to shoulders. No wrinkles
Top line parallel with underline—both
straight. Top line level, no heavy depression back of withers, level to dock,
Underline low both front and rear flank.
Deep body
Back strong, level, long, with thick
fleshing. Withers smooth, well covered
with natural fleshing.
Chest broad and deep, providing ample
width between fore legs, full in front
without skin folds.
Rump level on top to dock. Wide at
dock. Deep to twist
Legs of Mutton full to shank, thick
and plump, with low, full twist
Legs medium long in proportion to
size, heavy bone, straight feet, strong
pastern
Scrotum—Udder—Two well developed
testicles in rams. Two teats with udder
well developed and well balanced in
ewes

Fleece
Fleece dense, long staple, with uniform fiber quality from shoulder to thigh and with heavy yield of clean wool.....
Length—Three- to five-inch staple in 12 months growth, uniform length and square tip.
Uniformity of Grade — Three grades permitted—1/2, 3/4 and 1/4 blood. Not more than two grades in one fleece. Free of hair and kemp. Soft, elastic, white, and clean
Condition — Fibers well grown, free from breaks and strong throughout length. Yolk white or cream, not in excess, not dry or discolored. Fleece free from matting or cotting, free of burs, leaves, and trash

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Poisonous Plants in Trans-Pecos Area

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THERE ARE more than 5,000 species of range plants classified in about 160 families in Texas. Approximately 1,000 grow in Brewster county and represent about 100 families. Most of these are accessible to livestock and most species are of some forage value. Within this category in Texas some 80 species in about 25 families are poisonous to livestock. About half of the known Texas poisonous species are represented in the Trans - Pecos and a good number of these are a definite hazard to the livestock industry.

The problem of poisonous plants is intensified with restricted (fences) and intensive grazing and drouth. The decrease of the more desirable forage species and the increase of less and undesirable species of grass, weeds and brush have forced operators to modify management practices over the years of range usage. We are still in the process of change with the introduction of different practices and types of livestock. To reach a goal of maximum long-time productivity, approved range management practices must be applied.

Most of the poisonous range plants which demand a constant vigilance are native plants. They are most frequently grazed in toxic quantities when good forage is scarce, other green forage is not accessible or when minerals, salt of watering facilities are not adequate. Most poisoning occurs seasonally in relation to the growth cycle of the species concerned or when hungry animals are turned into a pasture supporting toxic plants new to them. Change or stopping of feeding may also be a cause of poisonous plant consumption.

It is more important to prevent poisoning than attempt a cure. It is only occasionally that an animal can be saved after a lethal quantity of poisonous plant material is consumed.

Range management practices to improve the range vegetation and reduce the weed hazard are the only means of averting animal poisoning.

Deferred and rotation grazing, moderate stocking, changing or altering the class of animals, distributing livestock adequately and fostering good water conservation measures in general are all management practices.

The mechanical, chemical and certain biological controls of poisonous weeds are supplementary measures and not terminal management practices.

In general, poisoned animals should be removed from pastures and provided with feed, water and, if possible, shade. A veterinarian should be called and his recommendations of care and treatment followed.

Texas Agricultural Experiment Sta-

tion Bulletin 719 includes more information on the poisonous plants of Texas and may be of value to you as individuals on your poisonous plant problems.

A series of articles in the *Sheep and Goat Raiser* from April, 1956, through February, 1958, also includes considerable information on the poisonous plants of this area.

Again, it is more important to know the vegetation of your pastures, its potential productivity, and stock for sustained yield. By the same token, it is highly important to know the potentially poisonous species and manage to avert poisoning rather than attempt cures which usually cannot be administered in time. Ranch

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Theresa Ann, 8, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Thrasher of Utopia, and she is starting with three registered does. Next

to her horse, declares Theresa, she likes goats best. Her parents raise registered goats and Rambouillet sheep

Columbia Sheep

(Continued from page 44)

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Wool Sales

ERNEST WOODWARD, San Angelo, purchased a carload of 1957 fall wool for Emery Russell & Goodrich Company of Boston the week of August 17, paying the Wool Growers Central Storage Co., San Angelo, 35 cents a pound.

New Mexico Sales

A reported 140,000 pounds of wool was sold early in August by Taichert & Company, Las Vegas, at 32 to 41 cents. Henry W. Maginot, San Angelo, for Nichols & Company, Boston, and Max Riley, Roswell, for the Top Company, Boston, were the major buvers.

Texas wool buyers attending the sealed bid sales in Las Vegas, Albuquerque, Roswell and Artesia in August estimated that around two million pounds of 1958 spring shorn wool was sold in New Mexico, at prices from 35 to 42 cents a pound, grease basis. Some light shrinking wools sold up to 45 cents. The Wool Warehouse Company in Albuquerque sold around 1,750,000 pounds and had pending bids on an additional quarter million pounds.

Some of the major buyers at Albuquerque were E. O. Oglesby, San Angelo, for Prouvost-LeFebvre Co., Inc., Boston, about 600,000 pounds; Maginot, about 400,000; Henry Davis, San Angelo, for Stevens & Co., 200,-

000: Bill Morse, Boston, for the Top Company, 200,000, and Jim Hannon, Boston, for the Marriner Wool Co., Boston, 110,000 pounds. Around 200,000 pounds of Navajo wools were exhibited at Albuquerque, but

Oglesby was said to be high bidder on 75,000 pounds offered July 19 by Bond-Baker Warehouse in Roswell. Buvers for Boston firms purchased approximately 90,000 pounds of wool offered by the Artesia Wool Co-op, August 19. Bids were pending on around 60,000 pounds.

Other Texas buyers at New Mexico sales were C. J. Webre, Jr., San Angelo, for Forte, Dupee, Sawyer, Boston, and Weldon Cloud, Lampasas.

Wool Buyers Claim Discrimination

Wool buyers attending the wool sales in August at Las Vegas, New Mexico, voiced a protest of discrimination. Thieves were found to be taking more wool, unknown tonnage, out of the back door than the wool buyers were able to buy. "And," bitterly com-plained one buyer, "We had to pay for our wool. That's rank discrimina-

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By Mrs. A. D. HARVEY

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Dempster Jones, Ozona, Texas, has recently sold one registered ram to Freda K. and Herbie Noelke for \$300, and one registered ram to Walter Augustine, Ozona for \$100.

Myron Morris, Ft. Sumner, N. M., has sold six registered Rambouillet ewes to Horney Bros., Ft. Sumner, New Mexico.

The 70th Annual Meeting of the

American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association will be in Casper, Wyoming, September 22, 7:00 P.M., at the Gladstone Hotel.

Dr. R. I. Port, Sundance, Wyoming, sold twenty (20) registered Rambouillet ewes and rams to the Departmento Tesnico Interamericano De Cooperacion Agricola, Santiago de

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The Cattle Situation

By ELMER KELTON



THE LONG-PREDICTED rocky road for fat cattle came in August, and the sharpness of declines on central markets made up in large degree for the delay in its coming. But by midmonth sharply-reduced receipts had begun picking up the pieces. Prices were trending upward again.

In Chicago, prime cattle dropped \$10 to \$11 cwt. These were the declines that made headlines. Actually, though, prime cattle make up such a tiny percentage of receipts that they usually get a notoriety all out of proportion to their real importance. Prime cattle at \$39 in July fell to \$28 early in August. Choice cattle fell from \$33 to \$27, goods from \$28 to \$24 or \$25.

The lower the grade, the less was the decline. This was generally attributed to a trend of the consuming public to buy the cheaper grades of beef instead of the finer ones.

This demand for cheap beef kept fat bulls and cows, for example, almost as high as they had been. Bulls did not decline more than \$1 cwt., cows more than \$2. Packers foresee a real shortage of fat bulls this fall.

On West Texas auction markets, where the small packers compete strongly for short supplies of fat cattle, choice slaughter calves and yearlings lost little ground, no more than \$1 to \$2 cwt. By the middle of August they were already coming back.

Local fat cattle prices, incidentally, were higher than those of most central markets, particularly Chicago. This all reflects a gradual decentralization of the packing industry. Where a few years ago prices in any part of the country automatically were figured on the basis of Chicago or Kansas City, minus freight even though they might not actually be going there, the prices now are often dictated from the grass roots up.

The decline in the fat market naturally had its repercussions in the feeder market, which most directly affects the average West Texas ranchman. Rather than bring about sales at lower figures, however, it simply stopped most country trading. Not hard pressed to get rid of their cattle as they were during drouth years, most ranchmen were perfectly willing to hold out for the same strong prices that were paid all summer. Buyers tried to get feeder calves cheaper but had little luck. Then, as packer prices began their comeback, feeder buyers loosened up a little, too. But country trading still was slow as August ended.

Feeders were genuinely worried, however. They had no assurance that fat cattle would regain their July levels. On the contrary, it appeared likely they would not.

B. H. Schreyer of D. & S. Cattle Co., Chenoa, Ill., was in West Texas to look at calves and was distressed to find the ranchmen hadn't weakened any. He said feeders have not been

able to compete with grass men for light cattle.

"These boys in this country are buying them higher than we can and will put them on wheat. Feeders are forced to buy only the fleshier, heavier cattle," he commented.

The grass and wheat men, with prospects of plenty of good, cheap grazing, can afford to buy a high-priced calf because even if they sell him for a smaller per-pound price, the cheapness of the gain will probably allow him to make money. True, feed prices are cheaper this year than last, but they're not that cheap. The feedlot still comes high.

Glenn Baugh, San Antonio cattle feeder, said the fed cattle he had ready to go during the market slump had been bought cheaply enough that they wouldn't lose any money, although they wouldn't make any either.

"But feeders I buy now are going to have a tight fight," he said. "They're just too high for the fat market."

Cattle moving out on contract were almost all heavier than they've been in years. While it was no surprise to anyone in view of this year's generally good range conditions, buyers weren't too happy about it. They've tried to bear down on prices on heavy cattle. It's harder to sell heavy calves, but most ranchmen have more or less held the line on prices.

Reports from the Rocky Mountains indicate that calves from the West will be unusually heavy this year, too. With good range conditions, stockmen have been slower to sell from those areas this year than last. The fall run is expected to be later this year, with ranchmen holding an unusual share of the heifer calf crop for replacement. That is just about the same as the West Texas picture.

There's still good demand for breeding cows. But as calves reach weaning age, it is increasingly difficult to sell pairs. There have been cases in which a buyer refused to buy the pairs but would buy the cows with the calves taken off, even though the price he paid for the cows, plus mar
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All the prices were \$6 to \$7 cwt.

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The champion Hereford calves sold for \$35.25 cwt., champion heifers \$30. Last year's tops were \$28.10 and \$23.25 cwt., respectively.

In general, in both sales, good steer calves of reasonably light weights sold from \$32 to \$35, plainer or heavier kinds \$28 to \$32. Better heifer calves sold at \$29 to \$31, others \$26 to \$29.

Another Angus sale is set for September 29.

The nation's 1958 calf crop has fallen a little. It is estimated at 40,-872,000 head, compared with 41,-007,000 in 1957. This is the fourth consecutive decrease, leaving this year's estimate four percent below the 1954 record of 42,601,000.

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